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Serial killer suspect arrested

Ten months after the formation of a serial killer task force, the man suspected of killing five Louisiana women is back in Baton Rouge.

According to the Baton Rouge Advocate, Police arrested Derrick Todd Lee, 34, outside of a tire store in Atlanta Tuesday night. Wednesday, Lee stood before Fulton Country Superior Court Judge Richard Hicks where he waived his right to wait for an extradition order from Governor Mike Foster. .

The serial task force has come under attack because Lee's DNA was obtained by an independent murder investigation. Officers obtained a warrant for Lee's DNA while they were investigating the disappearance of Randi Mebruer, 28, of Zachary in 1998.

Lee's DNA was connected with the murder of LSU graduate student Carrie Lynn Yoder, Gina Wilson Green, Charlotte Murray Pace, Pam Kinamore and Trineisha Dené Colomb.

Freshmen Connection

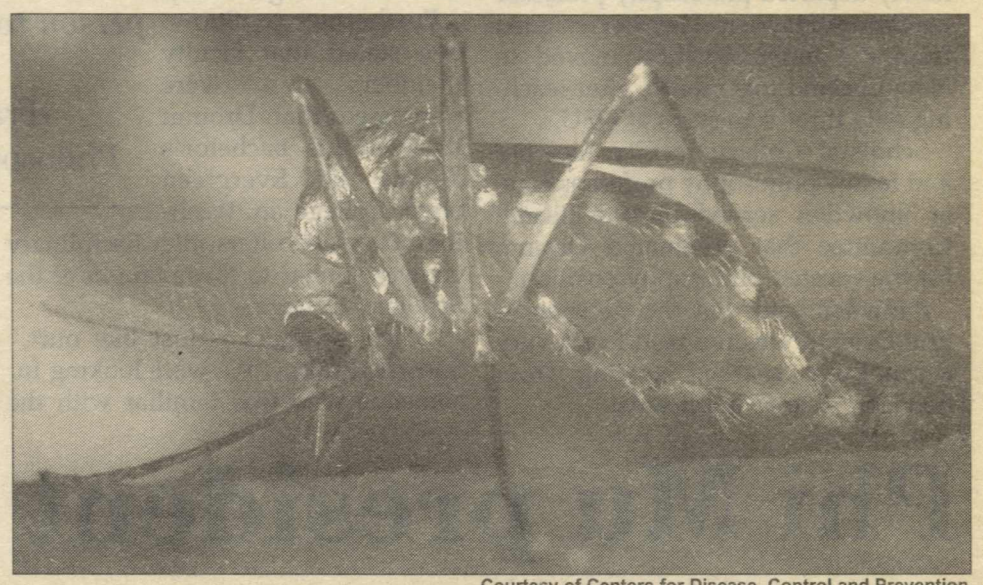
The NSU campus will be buzzing with activity from incoming freshmen invading the campus for Freshmen Connection several days this summer.

NSU's Office of New Student Programs sponsors Freshman Connection with five sessions set for May 29-30, June 5-6, 19-20 and July 10-11 and July 18.

During the program, participants can meet with their academic advisors, register for classes, learn about campus resources and meet future classmates.

West Nile fear returns to Natchitoches area

Dead bird found in Natchitoches Parish tested positive for West Nile Virus



Courtesy of Centers for Disease, Control and Prevention

The Ochlerotatus triseriatus mosquito has been identified in mosquito pools and has been reported positive for the West Nile Virus.

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

The initiation of mosquito season and the recent discovery of virus-carrying bird corpses have brought West Nile concerns, once again, to the forefront of Natchitoches awareness.

According to a story posted in the May 22 online issue of the *Shreveport Times*, dead birds found in Natchitoches were tested and found positive for the West Nile virus for the first time this year.

Stephanie Campbell, director of health services at NSU, said that the dead birds indicate increased risk for human contraction of West Nile in the area. Campbell explained that mosquitoes feed on the birds, contract the virus, then transmit the virus to men and women through their bites.

"If you see dead birds, call the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit," Campbell said. "They will remove the birds and do necessary testing to determine if the birds have West Nile."

To report dead birds call the local parish health unit at (318) 357-3132 or the toll-free hotline at 800-256-2748

Campbell said that, above all, students should refrain from touching dead birds with their bare hands.

Campbell further advised students to take the necessary precautions to guard against contraction of the virus.

"It's a good idea to use insect repellant when you're outside," she said. "And really be aware of any kind of pool of water."

Rain, puddles, and even water collections in flowerpots can attract mosquitoes to an area.

Campbell also said that off-campus residents could help protect themselves from mosquitoes by using special light bulbs.

"If you have outdoor lights, it's good to have yellow lights rather than white ones," Campbell said.

Yellow bulbs can result in decreased mosquito frequentation.

Campbell said that the city attempts to control the spread of infection through the use of insecticides.

She explained that the Natchitoches Health Unit sometimes sends trucks around the parish to spray for mosquitoes, including NSU campus.

Campbell described the symptoms for West Nile as being similar to meningitis. Such symptoms include fever, headache, generalized body aches, swollen lymph glands in the jaw/neck area or underarms, rash, disorientation and seizures. In severe cases, West Nile can result in death.

Campbell said that students who fear that they have contracted the virus should not hesitate in seeing a doctor.

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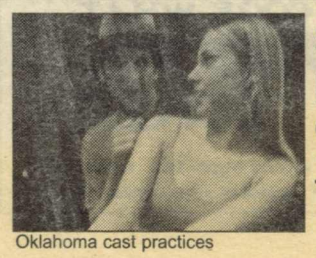


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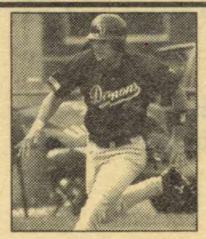


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Scholars' College hires philosophy professor

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

A new philosophy professor is coming to the Scholars' College and will join the NSU faculty in the fall.

Dr. Keith Dromm will replace newly departed philosophy professor Dr. Patrick Hayden. Hayden resigned from the university and moved to New Zealand this month, after teaching only three semesters at NSU.

Scholars' College faculty member and fellow philosophy professor Fraser Snowden served on the Search Committee that nominated Dromm for the vacated philosophy position.

Snowden said that the decision to hire Dromm was the result of a very competitive search, starting from between 40 to 45 applicants.

Three of the top candidates came to the university at the end of the spring semester to deliver sample lectures that were open to students. Snowden said that students responded well to Dromm, as did the entire Scholars' College faculty.

Furthermore, Snowden stated that faculty members were impressed that Dromm received his bachelor's degree at Evergreen State College in Washington, which offers interdisciplinary courses similar to those taught at the Scholars' College.

"Their program is just like ours," Snowden said. "We were looking for someone who was familiar with the type of classes that we teach."

Snowden said that the committee felt Dromm would fit in well within both the NSU faculty and the Natchitoches community.

> *"I thing he's going to be a really good person to have here,"*
>
> -Fraser Snowden
> Philosophy Professor

"I think he's going to be a really good person to have here," Snowden said.

Dromm was employed as the visiting assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Akron, in Ohio, when he accepted the position at NSU.

He will teach Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, and Texts and Traditions 1 in the fall semester.

Phi Mu president wins local Greek award at NSU

By Tasha Braggs
Sauce Reporter

The president of the Phi Mu sorority won the award of Greek Woman of the Year at NSU.

Jessica Breaux, president of Phi Mu sorority, received the Greek Woman of the Year Award the last week in April.

"I am very honored to have this award because it doesn't just represent my sorority, but it represents the entire Greek community," Breaux said.

Breaux said that in order to receive this award, the nomination must come from the Greek community. The candidate must complete an essay and participate in an interview.

Breaux said that she did not expect this award because there were several other great candidates.

Breaux has been a member of Phi Mu sorority for four years and has been president since January of this year.

Breaux said that her parents are supportive of her accomplishments at NSU.

"I am first generation Northwestern and my parents are proud of me being here," Breaux said. "And they are very excited about my accomplishments here."

Breaux is a senior journalism major with a minor in business. She is the vice president of National Order of Omega, secretary of NSU Greek Counsel, member of the Purple Jackets, and the special events chairperson for Student Activities Board.

"I plan to be a traveling consultant for Phi Mu and then get my master's in public relations," Breaux said.

Aside from Greek life, Breaux is one of the lead connectors of Freshmen Connection.

Her duties include conducting small sessions to incoming freshman's make the transition from high school to college.

"This is my second year as a Freshman Connector," Breaux said. "I enjoy enlightening freshman on how great NSU has been to me and how it can be for them."

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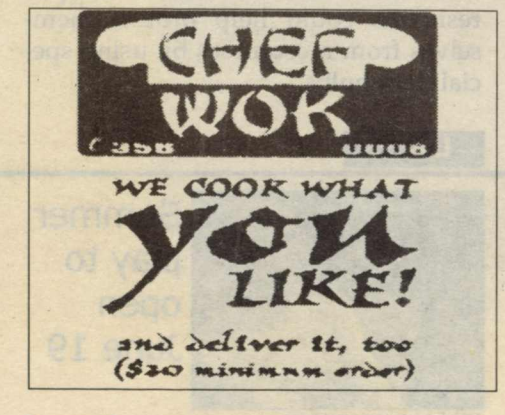
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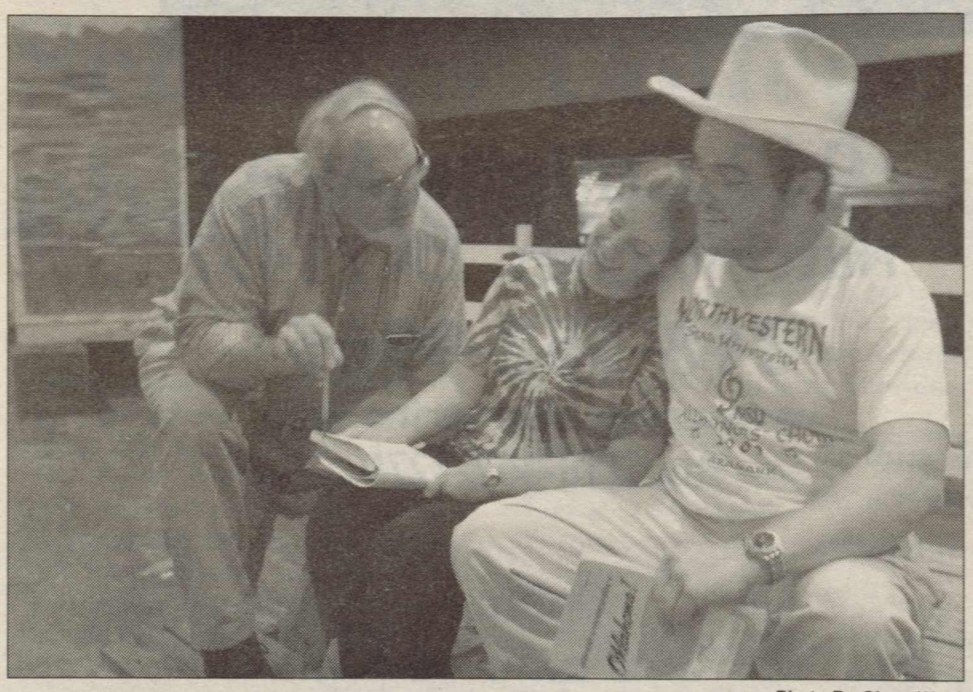


Photo By Glenn Ward
Director Jack Wann rehearses with actors Karen Burns, as Laurey, and James Palmer, as Curley, during the song "Surry with the Fringe on Top."

NSU Theatre production of 'Oklahoma' to come out June 19

By Courtney Caveliere
Sauce Reporter

Cast members are learn to dance in cowboy boots and sing with a southern flair for their upcoming roles in the NSU summer theater production of "Oklahoma".

"Oklahoma" will be presented from June 19 through 29 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will cost $10 to all viewers, including students. The show will not be performed on Monday, June 23.

Auditions for the production were held on May 18 and were open to both students and Natchitoches residents.

Dr. Jack Wann, head of the theater department, said that the talent pool was understandably smaller, in terms of numbers, than in the fall and spring semesters.

"A good percent of our kids were not here to audition," Wann said, "but we had a really good turnout." Senior theater majors James Palmer and Karen Burns were cast in the classic musical's lead roles. Palmer will play the cowboy hero Curly, and Burns will play as the love-struck farm girl Laurey.

Wann said that "Oklahoma" is widely considered one of the best musicals ever produced, and the Rogers and Hammerstein classic promotes middle American attitudes and ideals.

"This is a musical that really represents traditional values," Wann said. He said that this particular production would therefore appeal to many people within the Natchitoches community.

This production will be the last play that Wann will direct for the university. Wann is retiring this summer and moving to New York. He has served as a member of the NSU faculty for 15 years.

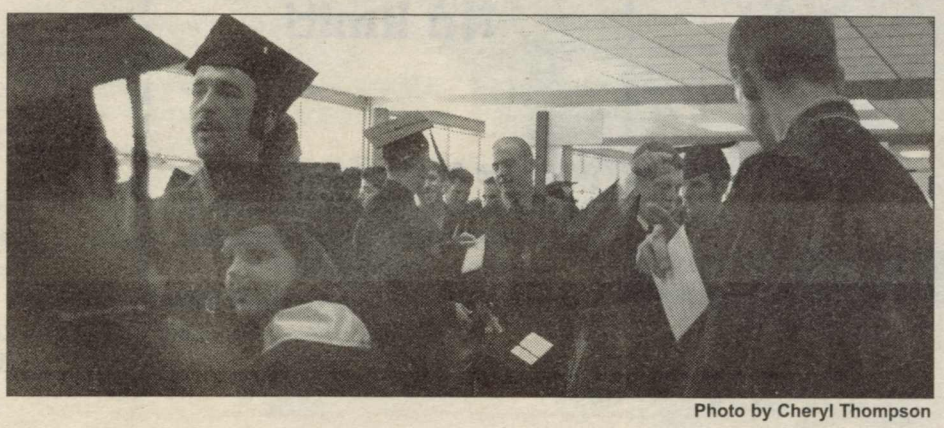


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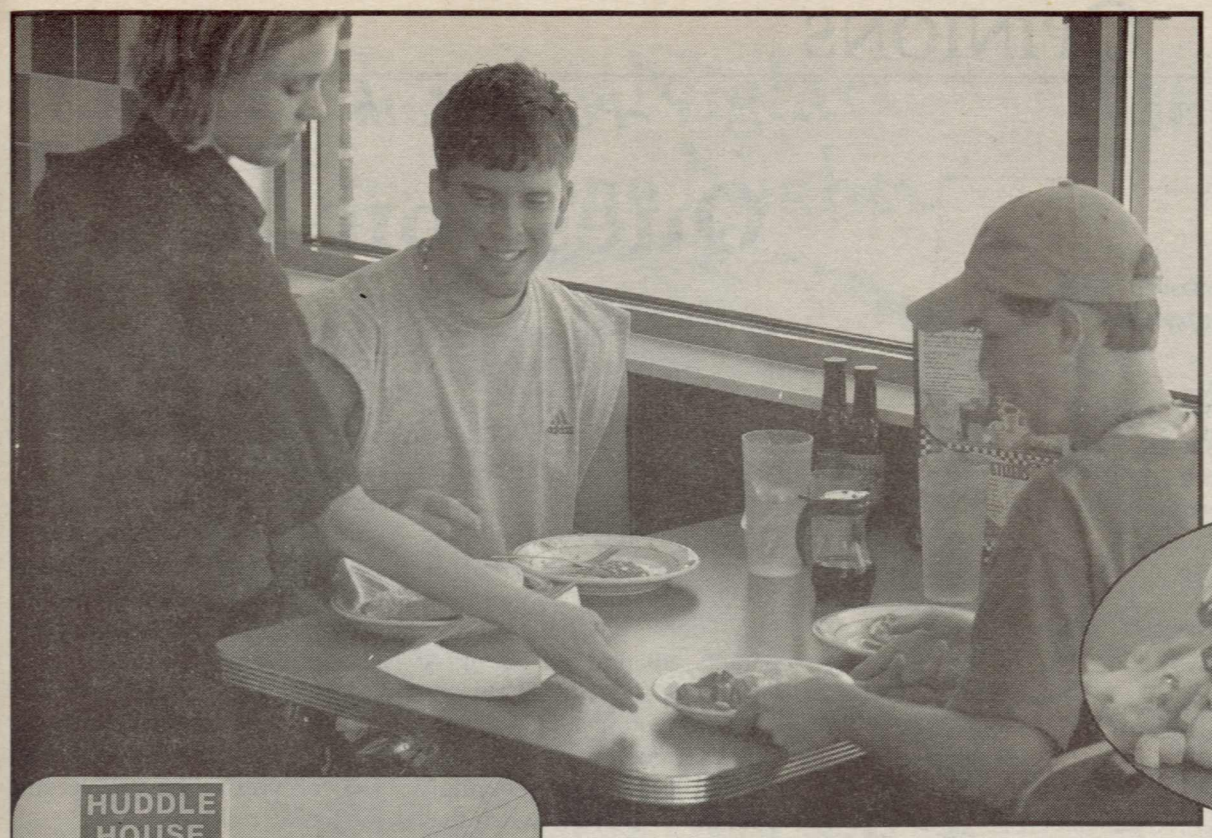
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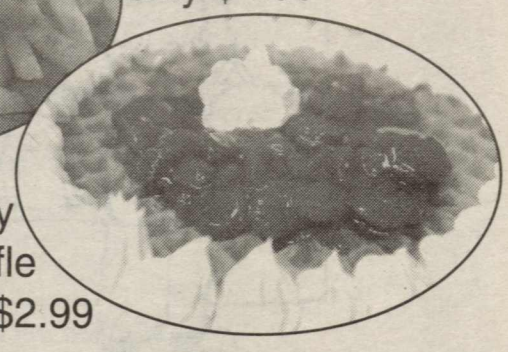
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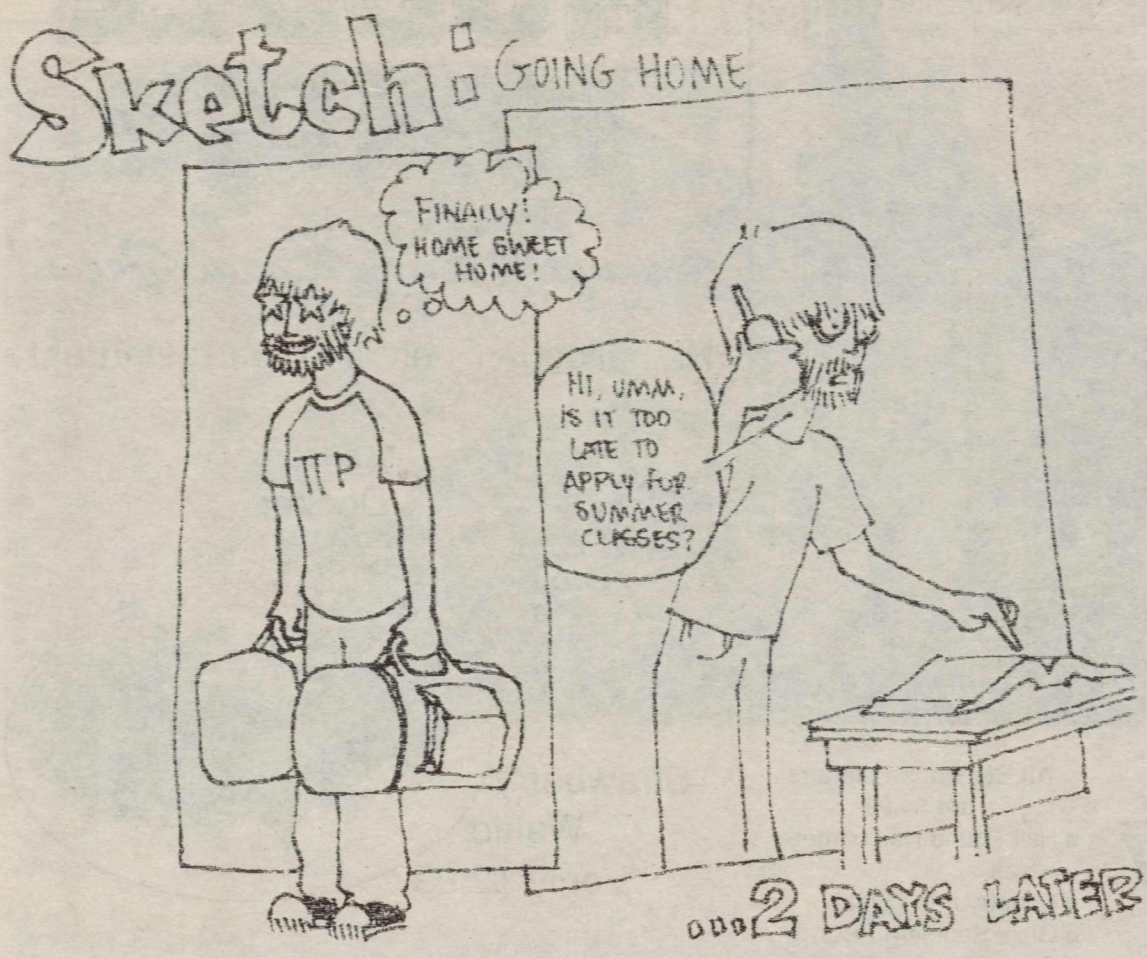
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Sauce Columns —

Attention Freshmen:



Edward L. Boudreaux III
Columnist

So you are a freshman here for the annual induction ritual that is Freshman Connection. Get real; you are here to get a taste of the freedom that is COLLEGE!

The trick is to not drown in the flood of freedom, usually taking the form of alcohol, during your first semester. Take it from me, full rides have been lost trying to ride the tidal wave that is a "good time."

While you may become the best Madden player this campus has ever seen, that will be of little consolation when you are working like a dog the following spring trying to pay for school.

There are several things you should do this weekend besides hanging out and making friends.

You need to ensure that you will have enough money to pay for not only school, but also books and living expenses.

Visit your department of choice and enroll in the classes you want for the fall. Don't be too ambitious, this isn't high school. I suggest taking about 15 hours.

Next find out how much financial aid you will be receiving and ensure that it is in order, then reserve your books for the fall.

There will be hundreds of freshmen enrolled in some of the classes you will take; you don't want to be the one without your book. Reserving your books is free and will give you an idea how much they will cost.

Also make arrangements for your living conditions.

Now that you have seen Sabine, it might be time to look at off-campus housing. While you are cruising for fat pads, check out the local banks.

If you don't have a banking account, now is the time to get one. I used a credit union my parents belonged to.

Being part of the same system allows them to deposit money into my account when I need emergency beer, strike that, food money. Thanks Mama and Pappy.

Now that you have an idea how much college will cost it is time to head home and work like mad.

Put away as much as you can this summer, because its going to fly out of your wallet this fall.

Good luck and see you in August.

Edward L. Boudreaux III is a senior with a double major in history and science at the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Pillow Talk —

Question of Timing



By Jessica Cramer

I went to a crawfish boil last weekend.

Everyone there was my age, 23, and everyone was MARRIED. Married at 23 years old. How does that happen? Our parents got married young, at least mine did. But 23 today is so much younger than 23 was 20 years ago.

How did these seemingly young adults know when they found their mate? More importantly, how will we know when we've found ours?

When you meet the right person, do the heavens open up and stream down sunlight?

Is there a whisper from some all knowing being that says "look to your right, the person of you dreams just walked by?"

Is there some magic formula using the letters of your names like there was in elementary school?

The answer, sadly, is a huge, resounding "No". There are no birdies chirping or voices from the heavens and certainly nothing as simple as a formula.
So, how do you know?

Maybe there is no clear cut, simple answer. It sounds very new age I'm sure, but I think when you know, you just know. Your lover becomes your best friend. You finish each other's sentences.

He gives you his last piece of food. You don't cuss him for leaving the seat up. (Okay, you'll always cuss him for leaving the seat up).

Your friends think she is the coolest chick they've ever known and they don't mind if you invite her to watch the game sometimes.

Above all, if you must ask yourself if he or she is "the one," chances are the answer is no, or at least, not yet.

When you've figured out that he or she is the right person, how do you know if it's the right time; because, let's face it, timing is everything.

Just because everything clicks and your friends love him or her and you've been finishing each other's sentences for a while and you share your food doesn't mean that forever has to start tomorrow or even a year from now.

As for figuring out if he or she is "the one," there is no formula or voice from the heavens that will tell you when you've got the timing right.

To establish good timing, you must evaluate your current situation in life.

Will there be any huge surprises in your life in the near future? Obviously one cannot know the answer to this because knowledge would negate surprise.

Are your finances stable? This one doesn't count so much, because for the next 30 years, the answer will be pretty much be no.

Have you taken enough time between relationships? This is a HUGE consideration. Most people jump from one relationship right into another and transfer those emotions from the previous causing major malfunctions later on down the road. Most importantly, does it feel right?

Word to the wise, if you have to ask yourself if the timing is right, the answer is probably not or not yet anyway.

There is no finite amount of time. You don't have to date for at least a year. There is no mandatory three-day waiting period.

Some people take a long time to figure out if their partner is "the one" and if the timing is just right. Other people take a breath, and in an instant they love a lifetime's worth.

Whatever your method of deciding who the right person to be with and when the right time to start forever is, remember that, contrary to the evidence provided by the divorce rate, forever can last a lifetime, but only if you make it count.

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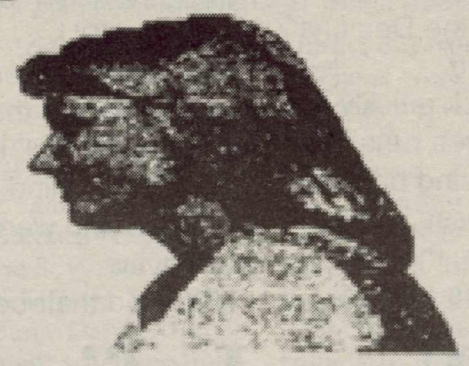
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Demons season ends in the SLC Tourney against red hot Cowboys

Northwestern State exits SLC Tourney early, finishes season 35-22

By Brent Holloway
Sauce Reporter

The Demons were bounced from SLC postseason action last Thursday after losing 6-1 to a red hot McNeese State team.

The Demons lost Wednesday to Texas-Arlington in their opening round game.

Northwestern got off to a nice start Wednesday afternoon versus UTA, jumping out to a three run lead in the 1st inning. Tigger Lyles got the offense started, singling to left field to open the game, and then coming around to score on a double by the Demon's first team All-SLC selection Josh Boop.

Anatole Vincent and Steven Adams, who garnered third team and honorable mention honors, respectively, followed with run scoring singles and the Demons were off to a 3-0 lead.

UTA answered back quickly, however, scoring three runs in the bottom of the inning off NSU starter Josh Dencausse. Dencausse settled down, though, and neither team was able to put any more runs on the board until the final inning.

With the scored still knotted at three and Dencausse still on the hill in the bottom of the 9th UTA's Paul Bruder smashed a liner into center field that a diving Boop was unable to come up with. When the dust settled, Bruder was on third with a two-out triple. The next man up hit a slow roller to short that was just weak enough to allow the game-winning run to score.

Dencausse (4-2) hurled a complete game in a losing effort for the Demons, who were led on offense by Boop, who was 2-4, and Brian Hobbs, who was 3-4 and came up just a home run short of the cycle.

The loss on Wednesday pitted the Demons against in-state rival McNeese in an elimination game for NSU.

The heartbreaker versus UTA seemingly stole the wind from the Demon's sail, because they quickly fell behind 4-0 to McNeese and were never able to recover.

NSU had their best chance to get back in the game in the bottom of the second.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Brandon Morgan makes the perfect tag on the runner trying to reach second base.

After giving up two runs in each of the first two innings, the Demons were looking for a rally. Vincent led off the inning reaching first after being hit by a pitch. Brandon Morgan soon followed with a double to left field, and the Demons were in business.

Jeff Martin, yet another of the NSU's postseason award winners, stepped into the box next and drove a liner into the outfield that was run down by the McNeese centerfielder. Vincent, seemingly tagging up for the Demons first run, was ruled out for leaving the base too early.

NSU was left with no runs and two out instead of scoring one run and having only one out. Adams would drive Morgan in with a double later in the inning, but the opportunity had been lost. McNeese added one run in the 4th and 6th innings to end the game at 6-1.

Senior southpaw Casey Johnson (6-4) took the loss, giving up six runs in 5.2 innings. The 2003 Demons finished their season with a record of 35-22.

NSU Track finish third at SLC meet

Both Demon Squads finish year strong, show a good outing at outdoor meet

Courtesy of Sports Information

Led by a triumphant return to competition by All-American javelin thrower Latrell Frederick, Northwestern State flexed its field muscles again Monday on the final day of the 2003 Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships but the Demons fell short on the track and couldn't defend their 2002 team title.

Host Southwest Texas State pulled away with heavy scoring in running events down the stretch and took the men's team title with 186 points, the highest total in the SLC meet since Lamar's record 229 in 1984.

Sam Houston State surged late and took second with 141.5 while Northwestern was third at 135, nine more than the Demons scored in winning last year's meet. Texas-Arlington was fourth at 89.5 and Stephen F. Austin placed fifth with 68.

NSU's point total would have been good enough to win the team title in three of the last four SLC Outdoor meets.

In the women's competition, Northwestern got wins as expected from All-American Stephanie Sowell in the triple jump (42-6 1/4) and Brittany Littlejohn in the 100 meter hurdles (13.47, a season best), with both defending their 2002 SLC Outdoor crowns after winning 2003 SLC Indoor titles in their specialties.

Stephen F. Auston ran away with the team title, scoring 157.5 points to outpace SWT (126.5), UTA (107.5), Sam Houston (94.5) and Northwestern (84) in the upper half of the 11-team field.

The Lady Demons got 15 points in the triple jump as Sowell's win was supported by a fourth-place 41-7 leap by senior Jacqueline Canton.

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Kappa Alpha Psi expelled from campus

By Tasha Braggs
Sauce Reporter

An NSU fraternity has been suspended for five years due to hazing.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of Greek activities, said that Kappa Alpha Psi will not be recognized as an organization on campus.

"The national chapter sent a letter at the beginning of June to suspend the chapter," Pasch said. "This means that the fraternity won't have the privilege's of a recognized organization."

Twelve members of the fraternity were charged with hazing Donald Haley, Jr. Haley suffered minor injuries from the incident and resigned from the University.

Pasch said that the administration has not discussed how this will affect the campus.

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity refused to comment.

Wellness Center Watch

A quick look at work on the campus' new intramural complex

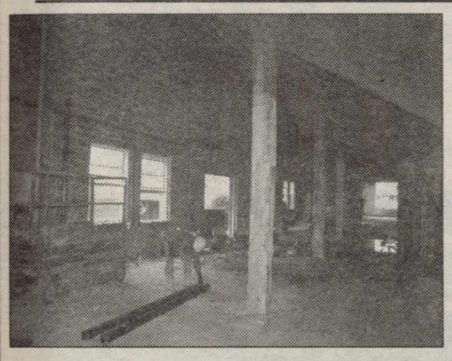


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A construction worker picks up some sewer pipe Wednesday.

NSU Columns ablaze after lightning strike

Severe thunderstorm sparks fire in the University Columns, no one injured

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter
Contributions by Tasha Braggs



Photo by Glen Ward

A fire left a huge hole in Building 4 at the Columns on Tuesday. Authorities believe the fire was sparked by lightning as severe weather swept through Natchitoches.

Tuesday afternoon an empty apartment in the University Columns was destroyed by fire during a fierce thunderstorm.

Lightening struck Building 4, setting apartment 424 on fire. Sophomore journalism major Olivia Hamilton was in apartment 428, which shares a back wall with 424.

"I was starting to cook some eggs," Hamilton said. "I stopped cooking then because the lightening was so strong that it came through the window and hit the pot and I felt it through the pot."

Hamilton and her roommate, Danielle Ball, exited their apartment and saw the smoke coming from the roof.

A few minutes after 4p.m. the Natchitoches Fire Department arrived and began fighting the fire that would consume 424.

The other 15 units suffered smoke and water damage. The fire also destroyed the electric circuits for the whole building.

"By all indications, the fire was started by lightening, but the Natchitoches Fire Department will continue to investigate the cause of the blaze," Natchitoches Fire Department Chief Dennie Boyt said according to the *Alexandria Town Talk*.

Graduate student Daina Causin was in her apartment when the lightening struck.

"It was really dark in here and all of a sudden I heard this loud crack outside, it seemed right outside," Causin said. "About two minutes later I heard sirens and saw flames coming out from the roof and flames coming out from the side window.

"There were a lot of people just stunned and kind of walking around while the firefighters worked," Causin said. "There were six feet of flames coming out of the roof."

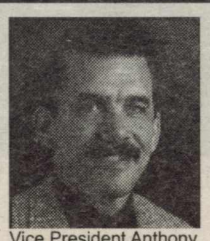
The Shreveport Times reported that the fire has displaced about 12 residents.

Hamilton and Ball are living with friends until other accommodations are arranged. While their former roommate, Tasha Braggs has been allowed to move into the apartment she will occupy in the fall.

Century Campus Housing Management operates the Columns and refused to comment on the incident.

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All students will have Health Service fee starting this fall

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

NSU will automatically add a Health Services fee to all full-time students, regardless of their living arrangements, starting this fall.

Additionally, the cost for Health Services will decrease $10 to $25.

Prior to these changes, off-campus students who wanted access to on-campus medical services had to specifically request for the fee to be added. The fee was automatically assessed, however, for all students living in residence halls or the University Columns.

University Director of Health Services Stephanie Campbell said off-campus students often said they were unaware of the need to request health services at fee payment, even though the information was posted on the University's Web site, brochures, schedule of classes, handbook, and sometimes on flyers.

Campbell was required to turn away all students who visited the campus infirmary but did not pay the fee. It was because of the many grievances that she received from these students that the University's health services requested to have the policy changed.

"I got a lot of complaints from off-campus students who needed treatment or to be referred to a doctor, because they found that they were not eligible for services," Campbell said.

Campbell said that she kept count of how many students she was forced to turn away. During the last fiscal year, from July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002, Campbell turned away 268 students. She said that she has already turned away 265 ineligible students in the current fiscal year, from July 2002 to April 2003.

"Our mission is to help students take care of their health so that it doesn't interfere with their coursework and their abilities to get degrees," Campbell said. "Therefore, we felt it was in the best interest of the students to make these changes."

Campbell said that off-campus students may choose to not pay the Health Services fee by going through an exemption process.

New vice president of academic affairs appointed

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

Associate Provost Anthony Scheffler will replace retiring Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Thomas A. Burns for a one-year interim period.

Scheffler, also the dean of graduate studies, research and information systems, was appointed to the office by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors on May 30.

He will begin work as provost and academic affairs vice president July 1. A replacement for graduate studies dean and associate provost has not yet been chosen.

"The president has to make a recommendation, and the board will make a decision," Scheffler said.

Scheffler said whoever takes his place will need someone to fill that person's position, and the person succeeding him or her will have to do the same.

Scheffler said it's difficult to work out the logistics of the situation.

"Somewhere along the way someone's going to be doing two jobs," Scheffler said.

University President Randall Webb said the vacant vice presidency would be opened to applicants this fall.

Scheffler said he did not know if he would apply to keep the position permanently. He said he will need to work and see how it goes.

Webb said, "I think Dr. Scheffler will do an outstanding job, and we'll have a chance to evaluate him for the first year."

Webb said Scheffler will be responsible for focusing on recruiting non-traditional and graduate students.

Scheffler will also work with department heads to plan the future of the University, Webb said.

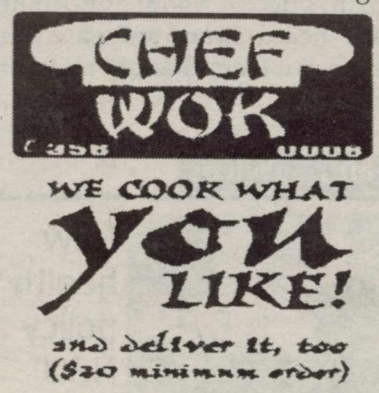
Scheffler said he hopes to establish effective communication among the University's faculty.

The NSU online student portal (my.nsula.edu) is running based on part by the work of Scheffler.

He, along with Webb, went to Baton Rouge and won approval from the state Senate for a technology improvement grant.

The University has since used a portion of that grant to create the student portal.





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Celebration of the Cane sets off the 4th of July in Natchitoches

By Quantia Mills
Sauce Reporter

If you are thinking about going home for the 4th of July, think again. Natchitoches' Celebration on the Cane will be full of fun and festivities to keep your holiday jumping.

Celebration on the Cane is an annual Independence Day event in Natchitoches. The festivities will take place on the downtown riverbank and is free to the public.

The Independence Day celebration will kick off at noon with a brown bag lunch and entertainment by NSU's jazz players performing on the downtown riverbank stage.

The Maverick Ski Club from Dallas, Texas will perform on Cane River at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Maverick's are one of the South's leading ski clubs.

"The Maverick's will execute ski-jumps and stunts that people of all ages will enjoy," Public Relations Coordinator for the City of Natchitoches Courtney Hornsby said.

Honrnsby said Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs will be performing at 6:00 p.m., and the day will conclude with fireworks over Cane River at 9:15 p.m.

Hornsby said there will also be plenty of food and drink vendors on the downtown riverbank.

"Celebration on the Cane will be an all day event that the whole family will love," Hornsby said.

SAB hosts karaoke, movie night for summer students

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

Whether you sing like a diva, a rock star, or a dying howler monkey, the NSU Student Activities Board invites you to showcase your vocal abilities at Karaoke Night on Tues., June 24.

Karaoke Night is a free event open to all students enrolled in at least one summer session and to all incoming freshmen participating in the Summer Bridge program. The event is scheduled from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Alley at the Student Union. Students must bring their student ids to be admitted.

Karaoke Night is the first of two events the SAB plans to sponsor this summer. The second activity will be a Movie Night on July 1 from 6 – 8 p.m. The location for this event has not been determined.

SAB Secretary and Treasurer Terrica Wallace said that the number of events offered through SAB varies each summer and depends upon the decisions of SAB officers and board members, as does scheduling.

"We usually plan two to three events each summer," Wallace said, "and these just happened to be the dates that we decided upon."

SAB faculty sponsor Terria Alexander said that these events are only a few of the projects that SAB is working on during the summer sessions.

"Although two events might not sound like very much, SAB is busy the whole summer," Alexander said.

Alexander said the SAB also hosts the Freshman Connection dances and does preparatory work for events in the fall and spring semesters.

Alexander in the past, SAB summer events have been largely ignored by the student body.

"Last year, only three people attended the first Movie Night," Alexander said. "At the second, we had zero."

"Hopefully the attendance will be better this year," Alexander said.



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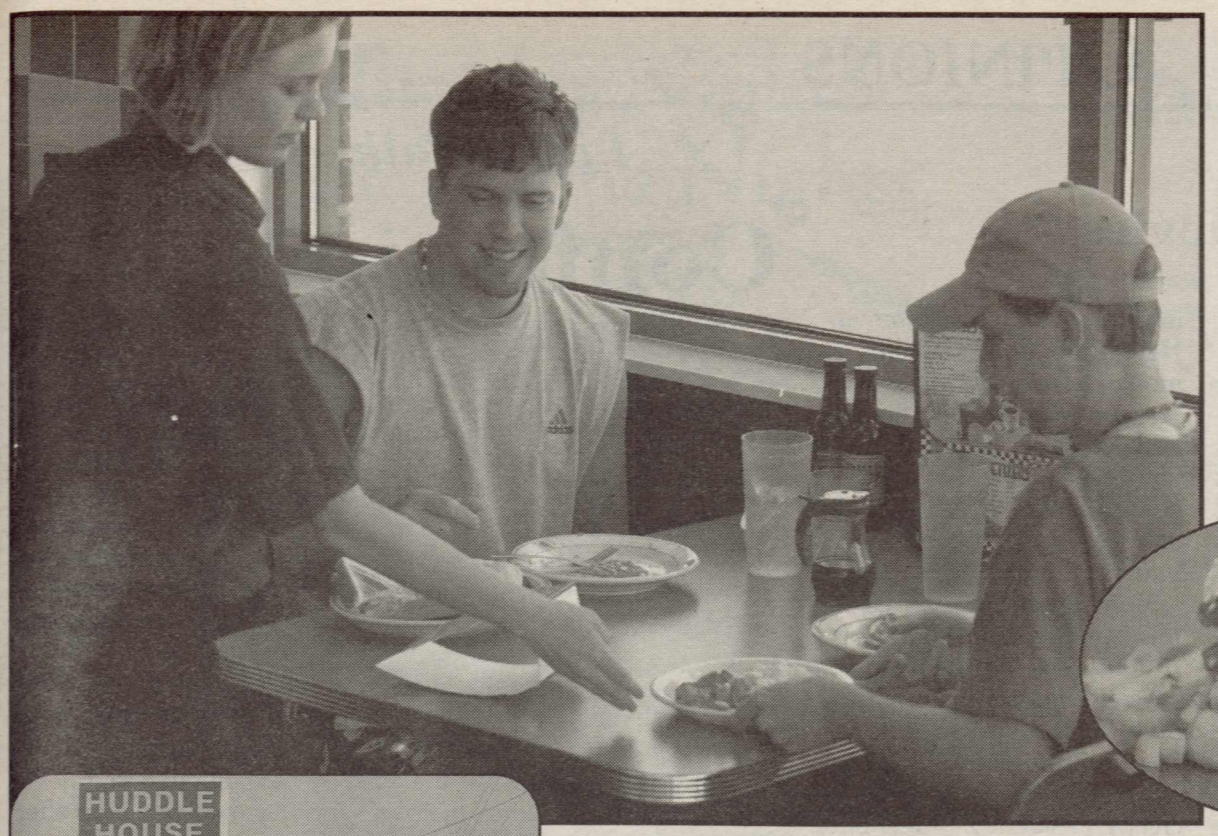


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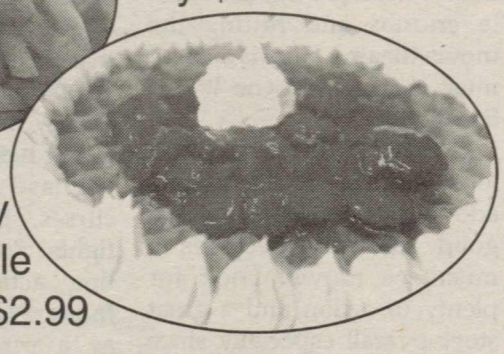
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Editorial —

The way I see it: Summer Movies



Patrick West
Editor in Chief

You are tired of your summer job, school or just loafing about the house, what is there to do? I suggest getting off the couch, wiping away the cookie crumbs and hitting the movie theatre. Here is a list of must see movies The Way I See It style.

1) The Hulk. The Hulk looks amazing in the trailers, add in a great director and a good cast this becomes a must see movie. Look for plenty of action and a great story overall especially since Lee is directing. Be sure to see the Hulk battling the Hulk dogs and taking on the military.

2) Terminator 3. Arnold is suiting back up as the Terminator and let us all hope a return to past glory and not a letdown. Cheesy one-liners are back with explosions galore, a perfect movie for the summer, and we see the machines fight. But let's be honest, Arnold will not lose to a female Terminator, oops that's a spoiler.

3) Pirates of the Caribbean. Finally, a movie that is different. It has been a while since we have seen a movie about curses, pirates and sword fights. Plenty of swashbuckling action (Arghh!) with Johnny Depp looking crazy as a pirate fighting some skeletons.

4) Jason vs. Freddie . This is my sleeper hit of the summer. New Line finally makes a movie featuring two of the scariest figures in horror movie history. Two bad guys who never die, so who is going to win? My money is on Freddie, brains over brawns, I think.

5) 28 Days Later. What is this movie you ask? This is supposed to be the scariest movie of the summer. A surprise hit last year in Europe, this zombie movie looks to explode in the U.S. It has a creepy Resident Evil feel but scarier. If you are in the mood for an old school horror movie then this is the one to watch.

So, if you are tired of MLB then I strongly recommend these movies to escape your annoying roomies.

Attention Freshmen:



Edward L. Boudreaux III
Columnist

So you are a freshman here for the annual induction ritual that is Freshman Connection. Get real; you are here to get a taste of the freedom that is COLLEGE!

While enjoying your weekend here in Natchitoches you shouldn't let this opportunity to learn a few tricks of the trade from your Freshman Connectors. These 26 men and women are the best that NSU has to offer.

Freshman connectors went through three different rounds of interviews before being selected. Then they had to attend a conference where they learned how to make the weekend fun for you.

The Connectors will tell you that the trick is to not drown in the flood of freedom, usually taking the form of alcohol, during your first semester. Take it from me, full rides have been lost trying to ride the tidal wave that is a "good time."

You may know all the bar specials in town, but that won't matter when you are working over Mardi Gras while your friends are living it up in New Orleans.

There are several things you should do this weekend besides hanging out and making friends.

You need to ensure that you will have enough money to pay for not only school, but also books and living expenses.

Visit your department of choice and enroll in the classes you want for the fall. Don't be too ambitious, this isn't high school. I suggest taking about 15 hours.

Next find out how much financial aid you will be receiving and ensure that it is in order, then reserve your books for the fall.

There will be hundreds of freshmen enrolled in some of the classes you will take; you don't want to be the one without your book.

Reserving your books is free, and it will give you an idea how much they will cost.

Now that you have seen Sabine, it might be time to look at off-campus housing. While you are cruising for fat pads, check out the local banks.

If you don't have a banking account, now is the time to get one. I used a credit union my parents belonged to.

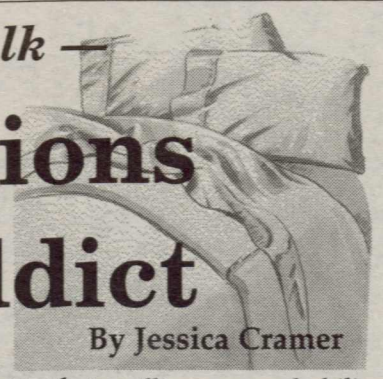
Being part of the same system allows them to deposit money into my account when I need emergency beer, strike that, food money.

As you head home be sure to thank your Freshman Connector for his hard work, and then tell your friends about the great weekend you had hanging with Demons.

Edward L. Boudreaux III is a senior with a double major in history and science at the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Pillow Talk —

Confessions of an addict



By Jessica Cramer

Women always talk about men. That is a fact. We talk about how they dress, how they do their hair, and how they are in bed. (Sorry fellas, but it's the truth.)

Most of all, though, we always talk about the things that drive us insane about them.

Their need to possess the remote control at all times, their table manners that defy Emily Post, the habit of leaving the seat up…the list is endless.

But, what makes us chase them? What facets of their personalities make us crazy to be with them? Is it their obsession with ESPN? The ever-present pizza sauce stuck in their pathetic attempt to grow facial hair?

Or is it softer than that, sweeter somehow?

Or, are we just gluttons for punishment?

This topic having peaked my interest, I surveyed my girlfriends, co-workers, even my mother, and compiled a list to help my fellow addicts discover the root of their addiction.

1. Their deep voices early in the morning (even better in the late afternoon).
2. The way they step out of the shower-dripping wet. I know they get the floor all wet, but damn, they look cute in a towel.
3. Their willingness and ability to connect your electronic equipment. Someone has to hook up the surround sound.
4. The way he understands you like no one else can.
5. And when they don't understand you, they just let you rant it out of your system.
6. Bed-head. Enough said.
7. The way their skin feels after they shave.
8. The sweet, scratchy two-day-stubble kiss.
9. The way they can't take their eyes off you when you're getting dressed (or undressed).
10. Their inability to ask for directions. Deep down, you know you love it when they pretend to be macho.

According to Ashley Layrisson, senior psychology major, "there's no one thing. It's a combination of many things that make him special."

It may not be visible to everyone…chances are it might not be visible to anyone, but that's why you are together!

Do yourself a favor, make a list of those qualities that you find irresistible about your guy and tuck it away. Pull it out the next time you get in a fight or when you see one of those traits that makes you want to pull your hair out and read it. It just might save your relationship, or at least it'll make you laugh.



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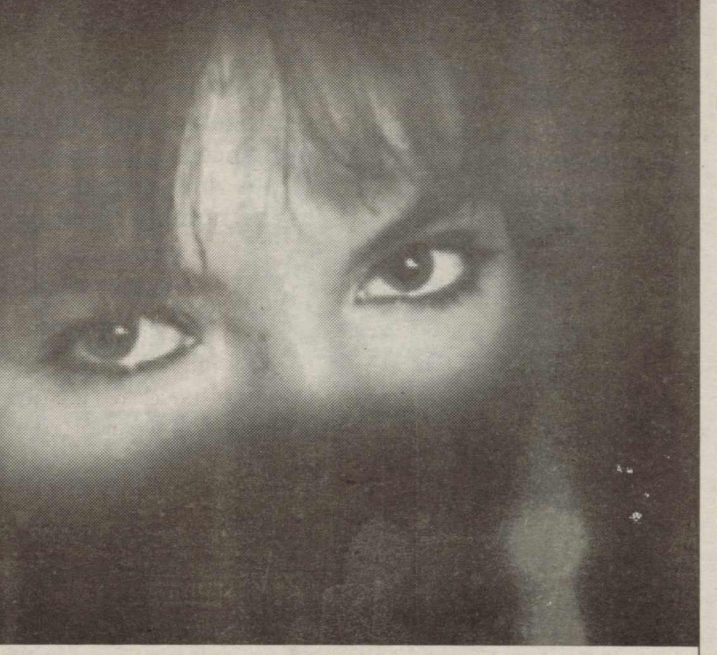
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Former NSU QB excels in NFL Europe

Ex-Northwestern State quarterback Craig Nall named best QB in NFL Europe

By Brent Holloway
Sauce Reporter

It has been the story of Craig Nall's football career, always fighting hard for a spot on some team or proving all the skeptics wrong.

After splitting time at quarterback for the Scotland Claymores of NFL-Europe for most of the season the former NSU standout begin to progress rapidly in the final four games, leading the Claymores to four straight wins, and being named to the All NFLEL first team.

After turning down a scholarship offer from Steve Spurrier (now in the NFL with the Washington Redskins) and the Florida Gators, Nall headed to LSU only to receive limited playing time in three years at Baton Rouge.

In 2001, Nall transferred to Northwestern State for his senior season and got the opportunity he had been waiting for.

That fall Nall took Natchitoches and the entire Southland Conference by storm, leading the Demons to an 8-4 record and a berth in the Division I-AA playoffs. Nall threw for over 2,000 yards, 11 touchdowns and only 3 interceptions (all of which were tipped) in 9 games that season.

Nall gained the attention of NFL scouts, and was drafted in the 5 th round by the Green Bay Packers on his 23rd birthday.

During his first two-preseason games last year, Nall struggled and looked like he might not make the Packers' final roster. Nall put together two solid performances in the last two games and earned a spot as the number three quarterback.

Playing behind future Hall-of-Famer, Brett Favre, Nall didn't see any meaningful playing time in the 2002 regular season, and the Packers sent him to NFL-Europe in hopes that he might continue to develop.

Nall did not disappoint as he finished the season leading the league in quarterback rating (95.9) and touchdown passes (18) and was 2nd in the in passing yards, averaging 205 yards per game.

He has also gained something of a celebrity status while in Europe, making guest appearances at NFL-Europe sponsored events in Scotland. Nall's work has just begun, though.

Despite being named the league's best quarterback during his time in Europe, he will find himself right back in a dog-fight for a spot on the roster.

The Packers recently signed Akili Smith, a former 1st round draft pick who has yet to fulfill his potential in the NFL. The Packers are currently 6-deep at the quarterback position, but most believe that the battle to be the heir apparent to Favre is primarily a race between Nall and Smith.

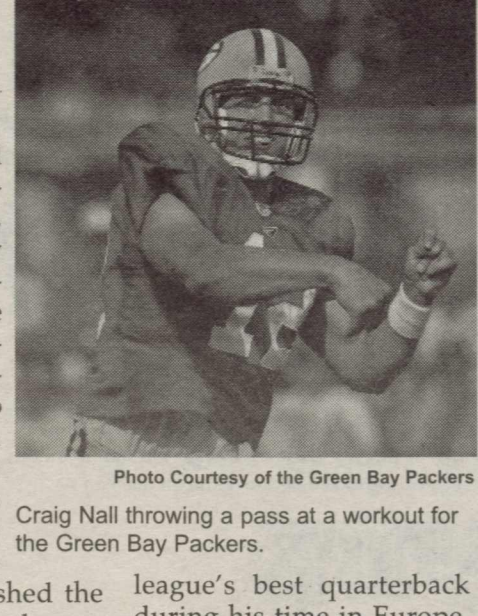


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Craig Nall throwing a pass at a workout for the Green Bay Packers.

Frederick, Ford finish strong at NCAA Outdoor Championships

Courtesy of Sports Information

Northwestern State's Latrell Frederick earned his third All-America award while freshman Samantha Ford got her first Friday night but both had 12th place finishes in the javelin competition at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Frederick, who threw 261-3 to win the NCAA Mideast Regional title two weeks earlier, recorded a 222-9 best Friday night. Brian Chaput of Penn won with a 258-2 throw while Rob Minnitti of Boise State was second at 246-3.

In the women's javelin competition, Ford overcame two fouls and recorded a legal 142-5 mark to earn All-America status.

The top eight finishers, and the top eight American-born finishers, are designated All-Americans. There were four foreign-born competitors in both the men's and women's javelin finals.

Ford, a freshman from Moss Bluff, won the Southland Conference title last month. She threw 162-7, a personal best and the fourth-best overall mark, in Wednesday's qualifying.

Frederick won three Southland Conference championships and was fifth at the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Championships. He was the 2000 USA Junior champion and was second at last year's USA Championships.

He is scheduled to compete in the USA Championships next week in Palo Alto, Calif., on the Stanford campus.

Spurs win NBA Finals in six games

By Brent Holloway
Sauce Reporter

When Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs was named regular season Most Valuable Player for the second straight year cries of injustice rang out from avid basketball fans all over the country. "What about T-Mac?" they said. "What about Kobe?" "What about Garnett?"

However, Sunday night, when Duncan was also named the MVP of the NBA Finals, no protests were heard. But then again who could dispute this award? Duncan had powered the Spurs past the 3-time defending champion Lakers earlier in the playoffs, and proved to a nation-wide audience night in and night out that he is in fact the best all around player in the player in the league, leading his team in points (24.2), rebounds (17), assists (5.3), and blocks (5.3) during the finals.

The Nets were no push over. They had their chances in each game, and Kenyon Martin, when not in foul trouble, did a better job than any other defender assigned to Duncan in the playoffs.

The fourth quarter of game six began with the Nets leading and looking to force a deciding game seven. The Spurs stepped up to the challenge and refused to be beaten, going on a 19-0 run during a crucial period, taking the lead for the rest of the game.

Also, David Robinson, the former Dream-Teamer, All-Star and MVP won his second ring in his final season. Other Spurs veterans such as Kevin Willis, Steve Smith and Steve Kerr may also be facing retirement at the end of the season, winning a championship and finishing on top.

Now the NBA moves to the draft and free agency. The biggest move could come from Jason Kidd as he is frustrated with not winning a title.

Rumors swirl as Kidd could join friend Duncan in San Antonio increasing the chances of a repeat.

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More birds found with West Nile

More birds infected with West Nile virus have been found in Caddo and Natchitoches parishes, but the state still has not recorded any human caes of the mosquito-transmitted virus.

The latest bird report, said Monday by DHH, said 10 dead birds from eight parishes tested positive last week, raising the total of 81 dead birds from 42 parishes.

Despite the number of infected birds, health officials are not letting up on larviciding during the day and spraying with trucks at night.

Officials remind residents to stay away from pools of water and when outside.

Residents are also reminded to spray mosquito repellent when outside and enjoying recreational activities.

Wellness Center Watch

A quick look at work on the campus' new intramural complex



Photo by Glenn Ward

Construction workers dig a hole in the future basement of the IM.

Argus complete, will be handed out in the fall

After several delays and complications the Argus is ready to be seen by the students

By Patrick West
Editor in Chief



Photo by Glenn Ward

A overhead picture of the new Argus to be handed out in the 2003 fall semester.

NSU's student literary magazine, the Argus, is finally complete and ready to be handed out to students in the 2003 fall semester.

No specific date has been scheduled but the Post Argus Editor Glenn Ward said it would not be late in the semester. Ward also said that Dr. Kane and himself are setting up a meeting to discuss a variety of times when to hand out the Argus.

The first scheduled date for the Argus to be completed was April 25, but technical difficulties from the Louisiana Technical College print shop changed the date of release.

"The printers caused the delays with the Argus and it took all summer to fix the problems," Ward said. "A new print shop will be used for next years Argus magazine."

Print shop manager Charlie Mann took the blame for the delays and cited technical problems as the chief culprit in the long delays.

Ward said it feels great to finally have the Argus completed and cannot wait to hand out the magazine to students. Over 100 students submitted work to the Argus but only 60 students made the literary magazine.

"It was hard to choose what stories or poems were put in the magazine," Ward said. "I just drew the lines, the students stories and poems speak for themselves."

Next years Argus will have a new editor in Angela Adams who will help find a new print shop with Argus adviser Julia Kane, and hopes that technical difficulties will not push the next Argus behind schedule.

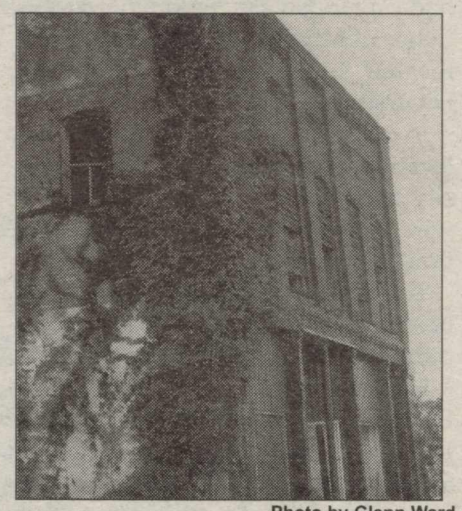


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NSU employee under investigation

Courtesy of NSU News Bureau

A Northwestern State University employee has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an audit of student employment records in the university's residential services department.

Woodrow Blair, coordinator of residential services, was placed on leave June 19 following the initiation of an investigation by the university's internal auditor of alleged violation of student employment payroll procedures.

Northwestern president Dr. Randall J. Webb said the state legislative auditor's office has been informed of the alleged violations and is expected to participate in the investigation.

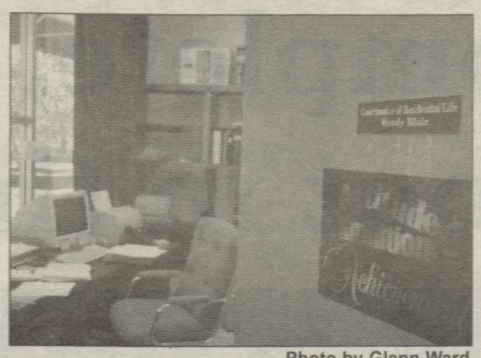


Photo by Glenn Ward

Woody Blair's office remains empty until the internal auditor's investigation is over.

He said Blair, who has been on the NSU staff since 1998, will remain on staff until the investigation is completed and the matter is resolved.

NSU opens new facility

Courtesy Associated Press

Northwestern State University held an opening ceremony for its Jonesville Center on Tuesday.

The 6,000 square foot center has five classrooms that will be used to provide NSU classes to Jonesville-area residents. The school had been holding its classes in a rented building on U.S. Highway 84 and at Block High School.

The agency obtained a $115,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to renovate the former Media Center of the Catahoula Parish School Board.

The agency also obtained additional grants from the USDA and the Rural Development Fund in the governor's office to build a 55-space parking lot at the Center.

SAB takes control of Minority Affairs/Cultural Diversity funds

By Andrew David
Sauce Reporter

Beginning next semester funds that had previously been accredited to the Office of Minority Affairs will be reallocated to the Office of Cultural Diversity.

In addition to the shift in monetary location, the Office of Cultural Diversity and the Office of Minority Affairs will also be placed under the jurisdiction of the Student Activities Board.

The Office of Minority Affairs had been under the control of the Department of Continuing Education.

SAB director Carl Henry said Director of Cultural Diversity Diane Jones will administer the estimated $3,000 budget while the SAB will supervise what he called "programming."

Programming involves the process of approving budgetary requests.

"The SAB routinely handles budgetary issues so this is something we think we're better prepared to do," Henry said.

Henry said location was also a factor in the shift.

"The Office of Cultural Diversity is right down the hall from us so it makes for better, easier communication."

Both Henry and Jones said as a result of dead week no official transfer of funds or responsibility had taken place yet, and neither could give an official comment on either matter.

Administration officials refer to the last week of a semester as dead week because no official business transpires unless it is of urgent importance.

However, Jones did say she hopes to use whatever position she holds to encourage and assist cultural diversity efforts on campus.

Jones said she would like to see a larger Hispanic and Native American influence at NSU as well as better communication technologies for the offices of cultural diversity and minority affairs such as a portable P.A. system and a fax machine.



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Cain River Market promotes community involvement

By Quantia Mills
Sauce Reporter

The smell of fresh fruit, vegetables, baked treats and many other products, along with a community atmosphere await at the Cane River Green Market on the downtown riverbank.

The market will be open until November 15. The Vendors will be selling fresh fruit, vegetables, arts and crafts, seafood and many other items. They are from Natchitoches and surrounding areas and they will settle along the riverbank every Saturday from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. to sell their products.

Tina Waskom, coordinator of the market, said the market has a variety of different things for people to choose from.

"This is the markets fourth season and my second season being the coordinator and the market is going strong,"Waskom said.

Vendors of all ages were out to sell their products. Nine-year-old Paul Gordon with some help from his mom Mary Striegel had his own stand know as "Paul's Pies and Sundries."

"He makes two types of pies, a Kentucky Derby pie and little apple tart pies," Striegel said. "He's making the pies to save for two things college and an advanced Game boy."

"I make them myself, they're made with chocolate, pecans, and Bourbon, but the alcohol bakes out," Gordon said.

There is also live music, complimentary brewed coffee and samples of many of the foods available.

Waskom said that one of the things that made the Cane River Green Market different from the supermarket is the fact that everything there was made was by the vendors themselves.

"The market is unique because you can actually talk to the person who grew your food," Waskom said "People should come because it's a community setting and the products are local and fresh."

NSU's performance of 'Oklahoma' gets four stars

By Janie Warren
Sauce Reporter

Rodgers and Hammerstein's famous musical play, "Oklahoma," performed by the Northwestern State University theatre department June 19-29, gained magnificent attraction and interest from many families, students, and Natchitoches residents.

This off- broad way musical included great punch, comedy, emotion and drama, and it kept the audience interested with enthusiasm. The play's storyline, set in Oklahoma territory in the early 20th century was simple: who will take Laurey to the box social – cowboy Curly, whom she loves, or Jud, the menacing hired hand?

When Curly, played by James Palmer, strolled onto the stage singing the famous song, "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," immediately, a pleasing reaction was visible. Palmer's voice was a lovely, sentimental tune of happiness.

The performance of Eric Engelhardt who was Jud Fry, the hired hand with a thing for guns and dirty pictures, a mean streak with hints of a violent past and a fixation on the same Laurey Curly is in love with, was quite excellent. The best part of this famous musical is how Curly and Laurey discounted the evil deeds of Jud Fry, and what instances occurred as a result.

NSU's performance of "Oklahoma" included colorful wardrobe of character revealing costumes and joyous stage filling dances. Props and set design were all portrayed effectively.

The entire performance of "Oklahoma" was definitely a competent revival of the original broad way musical.



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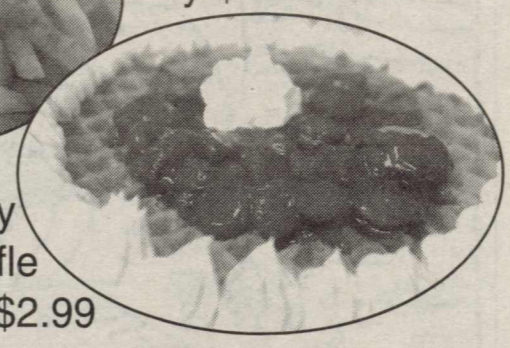
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Cable turns to riskier cartoon shows for males

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Cartoons aren't just for children anymore.

These days, prime-time animation often includes scantily clad women, foul language and humor that could make adults turn shades of red.

Nevertheless, adult-oriented cartoons are the rage, and reaping large Nielsen rewards for such outlets as TNN, Comedy Central and the Cartoon Network.

"Cartoons are a safer way for a cable network to get into edgier fare and can help them prove they're cutting-edge," said TV historian Tim Brooks, a research director at Lifetime Television.

The goal of these shows is to suck in male viewers ages 18 to 34, who have itchy remote trigger fingers and the disposable income to make them prime targets for advertisers.

TNN, for example, was relaunched as a male-themed network with a handful of adult-flavored animated characters such as the busty superhero of "Stripperella," a raunchy pair of house pets in "Ren & Stimpy Adult Party Cartoon" and a lawyer-turned-rodent comedy on "Gary the Rat."

But TNN is far from alone.

Showtime is taking the same approach with a risque new cartoon, "Free for All," developed from a comic strip of the same name by artist Brett Merhar.

The cartoon features two friends, Clay and Johnny G. Jenkins, who contend with a drug-addicted pet ferret, an alcoholic dad and a sexually active grandma who has a one-night stand with Eminem. The first episode airs Friday at 11 p.m. EDT.

"Showtime told us, `Push the envelope.' And they haven't reined us in yet," said Merhar.

In a world where young adults are torn between television, the Internet, cell phones and other entertainment options, getting them to sit before the small screen can be a huge task, so programmers are taking a more targeted approach.

"Our sense in talking with guys about television was that they like animation," said Kevin Kay, an executive vice president of programming at TNN. "Guys who grew up on sexy videos and sexuality on TV accept that in animation too, but also want it to be funny."

The Cartoon Network caught the wave a few years ago, but the network's adult flavored late-night animation block, "Adult Swim," has taken off of late.

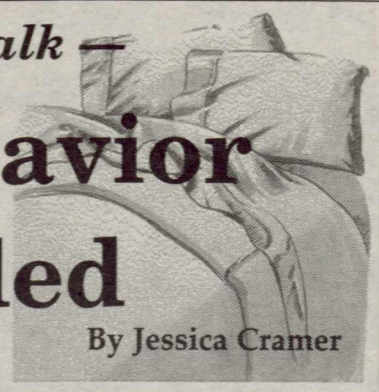
"From our earliest days, we saw that one-third of our audience was ages 18 or older and we realized that viewers carry a taste for cartoons all their lives," said Mike Lazzo, senior vice president of programming at Cartoon Network.

And there's more to come:

MTV will launch an updated edition of "Spider-Man" on Friday at 10 p.m. EDT.

The Cartoon Network's newest offering, "The Venture Brothers," from New York-based Noodlesoup Prods., will begin on July 27.

Pillow Talk —



Bad behavior decoded

By Jessica Cramer

Everyone has been there.

You meet someone at a club or a party, and hit it off. He asks for your number; you give it to him. The next day you are (foolishly) expecting a call-No such luck. Day three comes and goes, and there is still no call from this handsome devil you have been pining over.

In a world of such advanced technology why is it so hard for men to simply pick up the phone?

There are many reasons. If you met him at a bar or a party, chances are he was drunk, and either he doesn't remember getting your number, doesn't remember whom the number belongs to, or can't remember where he put it.

Sometimes, it's a game. 'Hey man, let's see how many numbers you can get tonight!' Sad but a true fact. He might not call the next day, but you go into his 'in case of emergency' file and snag a last-minute invite when he has lost all other options. Oh, joy for you.

There is a scenario in which he is afraid to call. It's not because he thinks you won't remember, but that you gave him the wrong number. Come on ladies, you know as well as I do that when someone asks for your number and you don't want them to have it, you make one up, or worse yet, give him your best friend's number. (For the record, that backfires if you forget to tell your friend to pretend they don't know you.)

The number asking just sort of comes naturally to men. They have no idea how to properly end a conversation. Instead of the requisite, 'nice to meet you,' they say, 'well, can I call you sometime?' Boneheads need to go to finishing school.

Another lame reason that he might not call is that he might think you are out of his league. Your looks or your intellect may intimidate him, but if he thinks he's aiming too high he won't call just to save you the trouble of rejecting him.

Men are also seekers of instant gratification. Asking you for your number indicates that they are interested in you at that moment, in that place. However, it does nothing to assure that he will be interested later.

Men are lazy. To actually get you to go out with him, it requires the initial call, a follow-up call, a lunch date, another follow-up call and maybe an email to eventually get you to the dinner and a movie date. It all requires too much effort when they're not sure they like you in the first place! If he really wanted to go out with you he would have skipped the number inquiry and gone straight for the "Would you like to go to dinner with me?"

Vanity is another reason. Guys collect numbers for self-esteem. It's sick and demented but oh so true. He knows he isn't going to call, he might not even be attracted to you, but he wants to see if you are attracted to him.

So ladies, when they don't call don't get schizophrenic. Next time, ask for his number and choose not to use it!

In the end, both sexes know that they might never get a return on the investment, but it's nice to get asked for your number, and it's nice to get one when you ask. What have you got to lose, really?

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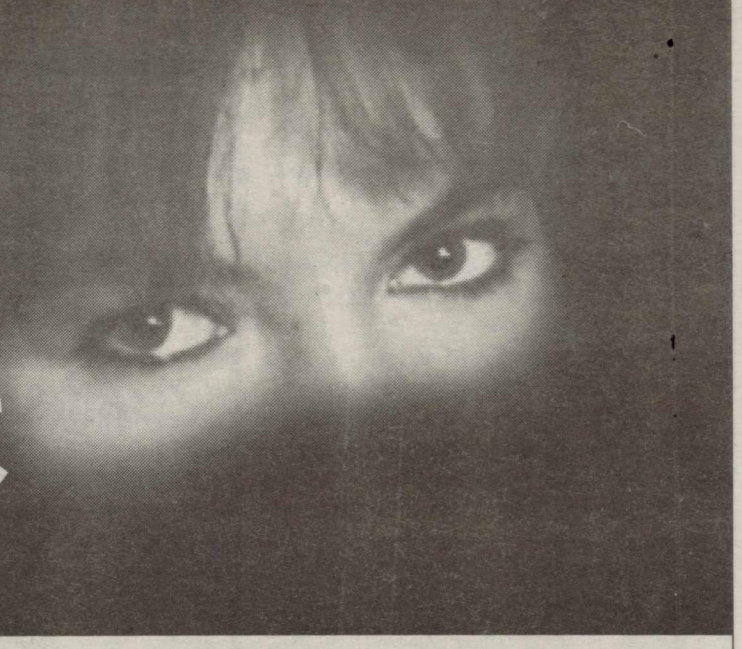
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The Demons are ready to play football

By Brent Holloway
Sauce Reporter

Well the dog days of summer are upon us, but the thoughts of the Demon faithful have already begun to turn to cool Saturdays in autumn, and the upcoming football season.

The freshmen will not arrive until August 5 th with the first practice on the following day. In the minds of most fans, it is not early to start talking a little football.

Expectations will be high for second year head coach Scott Stoker and the young Demon squad. The Demons are coming off a 9-4 season and a second straight Division I-AA playoff appearance, four in the last six years. The Demons lost quite a few leaders last year, especially from a stout, Purple Swarm defense, but a strong recruiting class (helped out by a few televised games last year), a solid group of returning players, and a good spring should have NSU in the thick of the Southland Conference race well into November.

The Demons will have to replace eight starters on defense, three of which (McGee-now with the Buffalo Bills, Locks, Willis) were All-Americans and four-year starters.

Coach Stoker expects 8-10 incoming freshmen to have an immediate impact on the team, most on defense, either as role players or possibly starting.

Some of the newcomers may find an opportunity in the secondary on the Demons' 4-2-5 defenses, where hard-hitting senior safety Neil Ponstein and senior cornerback Jerry Goldsmith are the only returning starters.

The linebacker positions are both open, and look for newcomers Jamal Johnson and Buddy Garrett along with sophomore Lance Elmore to have opportunities to win the starting spots in August.

On the defensive front, junior defensive tackle Quintene Newhouse is the lone returning starter. Look for junior end John Black to step in and fill a void in the defensive line.

On offense, the quarterback position, vacated by Kevin Magee and Ben Beach, will be the number one concern for Coach Stoker. At this point, it appears to be a three- man affair

"It's going to be a wide open race." Stoker said.

The Demons already have two able-bodied back ups in sophomore Gerard Barrow and red shirt freshman Ryan Lewis. Then to heat up competition, Stoker brought in sophomore transfer Davon Vinson, an exciting athlete from Baylor.

Whoever ends up taking the snaps for Demons will have a potent offense already in place. The offensive line returns five starters and the tailback position is stacked, returning veterans Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson who combined for 1800 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns last year. Some freshmen might see playing time at wide receiver, where Toby Zeigler and Cory Bell, who had an excellent spring, return with experience.

The Demons will kickoff the 2003 season August 30 th here in Natchitoches against Jackson State.



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Scholars' moves into Morrison

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

Last week, the Scholars' College faculty was allowed to move back into their newly renovated building, Morrison Hall.

They endured one semester crammed into tiny library cubicles and spent three operating within the limited space of South Hall's first floor.

But the days of temporary, cramped offices and scattered classrooms are finally over.

Scholars' College Admissions Coordinator Jeremy Thomas said that Morrison is greatly altered from its condition two years ago.

"It's almost a completely different building," he said.

Thomas said that Morrison was in dire need of repair when it was closed for renovations in 2001. Some of the building's features had remained unchanged since Morrison's original construction.

Professors' offices lacked central air, the building was not handicap accessible, and much of the wiring in the building was inadequate.

The building has now been equipped with updated features and improved facilities. Scholars' College Director Margaret Cochran said that Morrison now boasts several new additions, including a thesis room for displaying the major works of all graduates, language facility, student lounge, updated computer lab, and new admissions suite for consulting with students and working on recruitment mail-outs.

Cochran said that the building's updated facilities and new layout better coincide with Scholars' curriculum and will foster greater instructional opportunities.

"It will definitely be beneficial to have classrooms configured for seminar-style courses and computer access in all classrooms," Cochran said.

Moreover, Cochran said that Morrison was redesigned with particular attention to both the requirements and personalities of Scholars' College fac-

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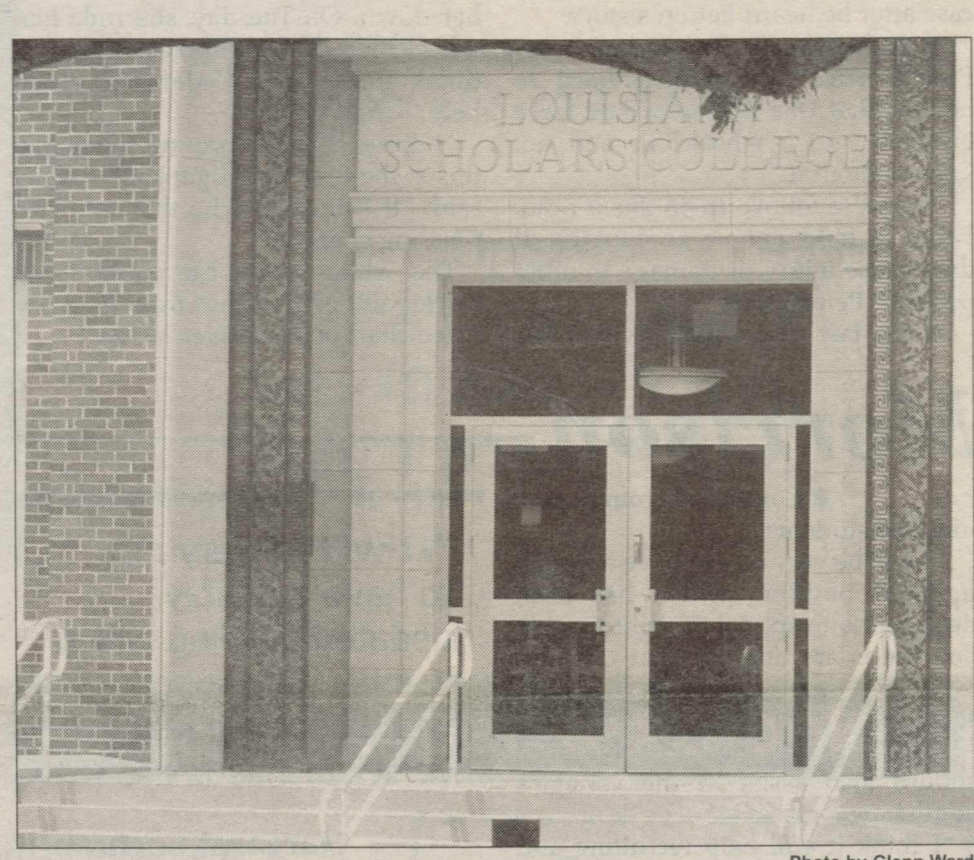


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The front of Morrison Hall, with a new engraved sign above the door, is pictured here Wednesday afternoon. The remodeled building is home to the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Wheelchair-bound student injured in hit-and-run

By Edward L. Boudreaux III
Sauce Reporter

At about 6:30 p.m. Monday, a disabled NSU student was the victim of a hit-and-run on Keyser Avenue.

Graduate student Heather Patton of Natchitoches was struck by a white two-door sports car with a black top that was pulling out onto Keyser Avenue from the shopping center where Planet Beach and AllTel are located.

The vehicle hit Patton, confined to a wheelchair from birth due to a muscle disorder, on the left footrest of her electric wheelchair.



PATTON

The impact broke the footrest, bruised Patton's left leg and lacerated her left foot. Amy Reiser, a junior business major working at Planet Beach, saw the car hit Patton.

"I just saw the car pull out and saw her jerk, you could tell that she got hit," Reiser said. "The car hit her, she didn't hit the car."

Reiser and her coworker Destiny Cedars, a junior nursing major, applied first aid to Patton's bleeding foot and let her calm down in the office.

"Her foot swelled up real fast," Reiser said.

At about 9 p.m. Monday the swelling in Patton's foot had not subsided and the pain in her leg became more intense. Patton rode in her wheelchair to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital where X-rays were taken, but doctors determined that her injuries were confined to minor bruises and lacerations.

"Oh, it hurt like hell," Patton said.

Patton spoke with a Natchitoches Policeman Monday night after the accident while at Wal-Mart. He told her that it would be a waste of time to file a report because the police would not be able to catch the person without a license plate or accurate make and model of the car.

Tuesday afternoon, Patton registered the incident with Natchitoches Police Corporal Tony Peluso. However, since none of the witnesses recorded a license plate number, make and model of the vehicle or a description of the driver, Peluso said it is unlikely police will be able to make an arrest.

"There is a chance we can catch

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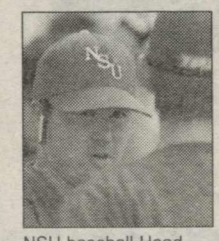


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them because she gave me a general description," Peluso said.

Peluso was only able to include the incident in the police blotter. He could not file a complete report because Patton did not report the accident immediately after it occurred.

But Peluso would not dismiss the case after he heard Patton's story.

"I don't want to let this one go," Peluso said. "I found it hard to believe that this person would have bumped into a wheelchair and not known about it."

"I want to follow up on this if I can. I like to hold people accountable if they cause injury or damage to other people," Peluso said.

In the last two weeks, Peluso has made two arrests for hit-and-run incidents in Natchitoches.

Still, Cedars could not understand why such incidents happen at all.

"Who hits somebody and just drives off?" Cedars asked. "There's no way that they couldn't have felt it. I felt so bad for her."

Patton did not let her accident slow her down. On Tuesday, she rode her wheelchair out to Planet Beach to thank Reiser and Cedars for their help.

"I drove six years around town and this is the first time I got hit," Patton said. "If I find out who they are, I'm pressing charges."

The white sports car could have black paint or scratches from Patton's wheelchair on the driver's side.

Hit-and-runs

What to do if it happens

Victims and witnesses should:
- Focus on the driver so that he or she can be identified later
- Note the make and model of the car
- Get the vehicle's license plate number
- Call the police immediately

SOURCE: Natchitoches Police Department

Natchitoches police ask anyone with information regarding this hit-and-run to contact Peluso at 352-8101.

Morrison

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ulty and students.

"It will be very nice to have a freshly updated building which has been designed with special thought to what our needs are and to what our students and faculty are like," Cochran said.

Thomas said that the building should also assist in the college's admissions process.

"I think it will help recruiting and retention because of the improved facilities and the community atmosphere," Thomas said. "We won't be scattered all over campus anymore."

Thomas said that the building's appearance has been improved as well. In addition to the new paint job and light fixtures, wood trim has been added to some areas of the building.

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> **Margaret Cochran**
> Dean, Scholars' College

The outside patio area between Morrison and the Family & Consumer Science building is also being given a facelift.

"We're going to have a gorgeous courtyard, complete with brick," said Thomas.

To keep students informed of the building's progress throughout the months of renovations, a section of the college's Web site was devoted to Morrison renovations. Pictures of the building were periodically updated, and students were asked to contribute their opinions regarding the building's new features and layout.

"After all," said Thomas, "ultimately it's their building."

Housing tight for fall

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

As the Fall semester steadily approaches, the housing department is busily working to squeeze incoming students into available living space.

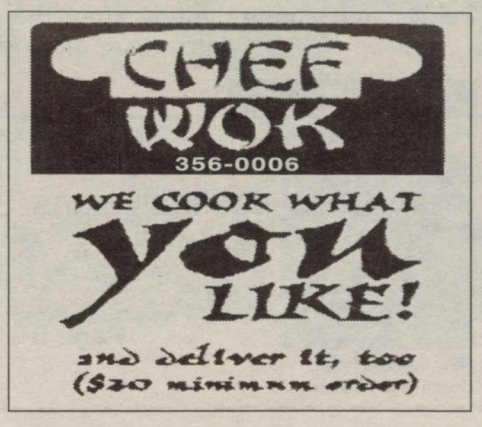
Coordinator of Housing Felicia Young said that there is already a waiting list for students who have requested residence hall room assignments. Incoming students are being warned of the housing shortage as they apply to NSU.

"We're telling people as they come in that we're at a capacity level," Young said.

These students can either add their names to the waiting list or seek other housing options.

Students on the waiting list are assigned rooms when other students cancel their approved room assignments. Young said that she receives several cancellations each day and that it is impossible to predict how many students might be cleared from the waiting list through this cancellation process.

"As cancellations come in, we take people off the list," Young said. "You never know between now and then how many cancellations we'll get."





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'Nunsense' opens tonight

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

The NSU dinner theater production "Nunsense" premieres tonight and will run until Aug. 10. The show will be staged in the A. A. Fredericks Auditorium. The house will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30, and the show will begin at 7:30. "Nunsense" will not be performed Monday, Aug. 4.

Tickets cost $20, and this price covers both dinner and entertainment. Seats must be reserved in advance, and viewers pay at the door. The dinner will be catered by Aramark. Dinner includes grilled chicken breast, fried catfish, salad with assorted dressings, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, fiesta corn, roll, bread pudding with rum sauce and drinks.

"Nunsense" is a critically acclaimed off-Broadway musical. It tells the story of five nuns in a talent show to raise the money needed to bury four of their food-poisoned sisters. The five vaudevillian nuns will be portrayed by Taryn Vinet, Whitney Sanders, Autumn Campbell, Robin Rose and Etiena Qualls.

Assistant Theater Professor Scott Burrell will direct the show. Burrell said that "Nunsense" has been a challenging production to stage.

"It's a difficult show because there are a lot of different aspects to it," Burrell said. "What may look easy on the surface is really a hard show to do."

One of the production's complicating aspects, for instance, is the intended involvement of the audience. Viewers actually sit on the stage with the actors and participate in the show.

"There's a lot more to it than an audience simply coming in and watching a show," Burrell said. "There's audience participation. It's actually a very complicated production."

Burrell said that the show's humor and its positive reputation are likely to draw large crowds to the theater. Seats for opening night sold out days in advance.

"A lot of people are familiar with it," Burrell said, "and because Catholicism is so predominant in Louisiana, a lot of people in this area will find it humorous and funny."

Bob Hope dead at 100

Courtesy KRT News Services

Bob Hope, the jokester-turned-giant whose ski-slope profile cast a wry shadow over the 20th century and into the 21st, died late Sunday night, just two months after his 100th birthday.



He died late Sunday of pneumonia at his home in Toluca Lake, Calif., with his family at his bedside, longtime publicist Ward Grant told the Associated Press on Monday.

From vaudeville venues to wartime USO stages, from big-screen "Road" tales opposite Bing Crosby to small-screen holiday specials opposite Brooke Shields, he kept America chuckling for nearly 80 years.

The legend was a bundle of contradictions. A high school dropout, he earned at least 47 honorary degrees. Long an icon to the troops he doggedly entertained, he endured scattered catcalls during the war-torn Vietnam era. And perhaps the quintessential American entertainer of the modern age, he was born a Brit.

As a stand-up comic, he was noted for a rapid delivery and self-deprecating humor - a style that would help mold Johnny Carson, Woody Allen, Dick Cavett and Jay Leno, among many others.

Just four years after his marriage, his movie and radio careers zoomed. He made "The Big Broadcast of 1938," the first of his 57 feature films and the one that introduced his trademark song "Thanks for the Memory," and he joined radio's "The Pepsodent Show" for a 12-year stint as host.

During the war years, he was patriotic without seeming pedantic. Frank Tashlin, who directed him in "Son of Paleface," declared that the greatest male entertainers to emerge from World War II were Donald Duck and Bob Hope. The comparison is not farfetched. Like Walt Disney's animated fowl, Hope's screen persona could be comically cantankerous and filled with grandiose self-delusions.

It's typical, too, that while other stars have handprints and footprints in the forecourt of Mann's Chinese, Hope's famous "ski nose" is implanted in the Hollywood Boulevard showplace. He did things his way, even if it meant taking an unpopular stand in an unpopular war, and his individuality served him well throughout an unprecedented career.



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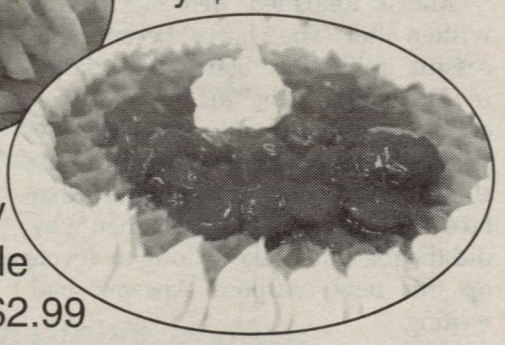
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Sleeper flicks trump hype this summer



Edward L. Boudreaux III
Columnist

This summer's hyped movies provided more bust than bang for the buck. However, two unanticipated films turned out to be surprisingly well done.

"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and "The Matrix Reloaded" were woefully disappointing, while "Bruce Almighty" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" were not only entertaining but sparked discussion outside of the theater.

"Matrix Reloaded" felt like it was written after "The Matrix" became successful, unlike the "Star Wars" trilogy. In "Reloaded," the machines developed bombs that could be thrown at ships while the sentinels remained outside of EMP range. If we believe that Neo is truly the sixth "one," then why did the machines take so long to develop this new weapon? Answer: bad writing.

Another case of bad writing would be the extended sex scene between Neo and Trinity. This is supposed to be an action/adventure film, not a soft porn flick.

I was also disappointed with the abrupt end to "Reloaded," cliffhangers can be an effective trick to get people to see the sequel, but I felt like "Reloaded" left me falling off the cliff, not hanging on by my fingernails. I also refuse to play 50 hours of a video game just to fill in the rest of a storyline.

The summer's other disappointment was "T3." Jonathan Mostow, who also directed "U571," helmed the third installment. Mostow cannot hold a candle to James Cameron, director of the first two Terminators.

Some excuse Mostow's poor performance because of his inexperience. I retort that you don't hand this important piece of cinematic history to the rookie. Since Cameron refused to direct, another experienced director should have been chosen.

Nick Stahl was chosen to play the part of John Connor. Edward Furlong played that role superbly in "T2" and should have been chosen for "T3. "

Perhaps Furlong read the plot and realized that it was heavy on action but light on plot. Linda Hamilton refused to be part of "T3," saying that it was time for her character to move on.

Without Hamilton or Furlong to anchor the performances, the remaining actors and actresses look and make the audience feel like they're floating away. Arnold gives a decent performance, but as an emotionless android, he can't be expected to steady the unstable performances of Stahl or Claire Danes, Connor's future wife.

"T3" also left the door wide open for "T4," which I expect to see in the next two years, unless Arnold becomes governor, but that's a different editorial.

"Bruce Almighty" was a movie that I was dragged to go see, and I am thankful that I was. I've found that Jim Carrey's performances can go over the top, and when they do they become annoying.

However, in "Bruce Almighty," Carrey strikes a nice balance between the loud slapstick comedy style that is his trademark, and a soft quiet contemplative style that shows the depth of Carrey's abilities.

This movie had the audience crying with laughter throughout the movie and then crying again at the end because of its heart-warming ending.

The only problem I found with the movie was the premise that as God, Carrey was forbidden to affect someone's free will, the movie made a big deal out of that point. Nevertheless, Carrey is still able to make a rival news anchor speak gibberish against his will.

The gibberish scene sparked a debate amongst my friends about the nature of free will and God's existence. A fun discussion for lazy days spent poolside.

My sleeper hit for the summer i "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse o the Black Pearl." Johnny Depp, wh hasn't had family film for a hit sinc "Edward Scissorhands," easily score his biggest with "Pirates." He play pirate captain Jack Sparrow.

Sparrow lost his ship and crew to th mutinous actions of his first mat Now, his sole mission is to get back hi ship, the Black Pearl. Along the way h helps to rescue the governor's daugh ter Elizabeth Swann played by Keir Knightley.

Orlando Bloom plays Will Hunter the lowly blacksmith who loves Swan from afar, but because of his social sta tus is unable to pursue her. He hope that by rescuing her from a band o pirates he will be able to prove hi worth and win her heart.

The plot is fast paced with funn one-liners that allow Depp to show of his remarkably adept timing. This is a film that will have multiple viewing in the theater by audiences and is a must see for all ages.

I had high hopes for summer movi enjoyment, they were fulfilled but no as I had expected. Don't let your sum mer movie viewing come to a clos without seeing a surefire comedy action, adventure, drama and myster film; go to the Caribbean.

Summer the Way I See It



Patrick West
Summer Editor

This summer has proven to be hot as anything, and some crazy things have happened. Here are the most important aspects of the summer, the Way I See It style.

1. Patrick West as Summer Editor. This was the best experience this summer, but no worries, fans. I will be back in the fall as sports editor. I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer Current Sauce and will continue to read in the fall. Big things are on the horizon for the Sauce, so keep reading.

2. The great and mighty Kobe Bryant getting into trouble with the law. The NBA's poster boy commits adultery, is accused of sexual assault, and overshadows the phenomenal off-season the NBA is having. Bryant always has to steal the thunder, the Lakers had two future Hall of Famers and he has to take the show away from them. Typical Kobe.

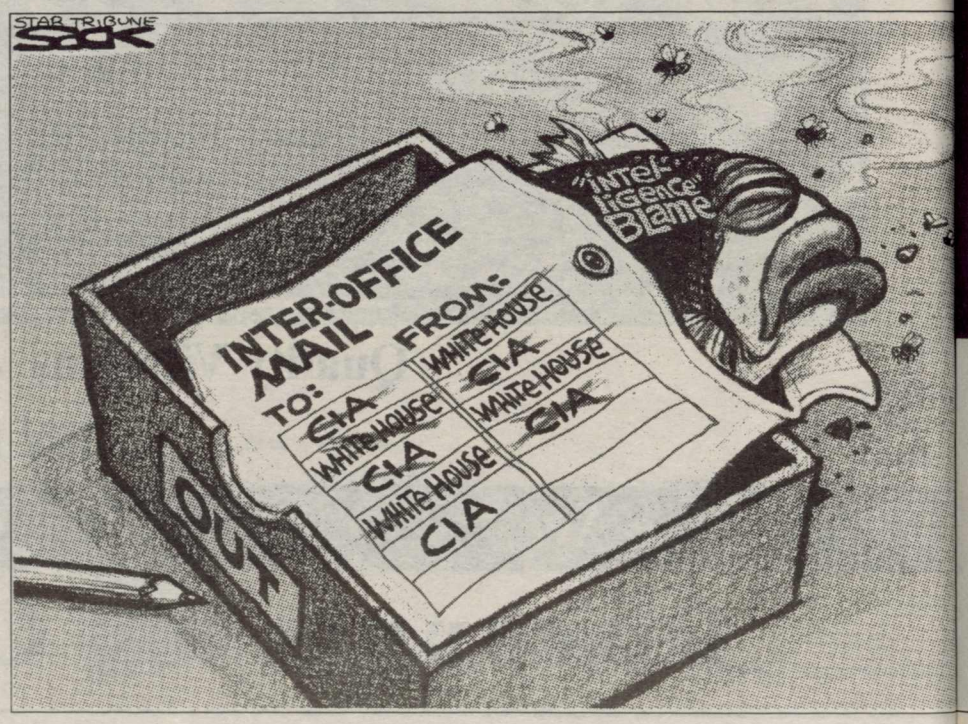
3. The new Harry Potter book finally comes out. After years of waiting J.K. Rowling released her new book and does not disappoint. This book included Harry getting his first kiss and a huge surprise death. It's by far the best in the series, with two more to go. Let us all hope we do not have to wait years for the next one to come out.

4. "Finding Nemo" is the top grossing movie this summer. Who would have thought that a cute little family movie would topple the giants like "X2," "Matrix Reloaded," and other big-name summer movies? Nemo is still in theaters, averaging about $10 million a week and grossing more than $300 million.

5. Lance Armstrong wins the Tour De France for the fifth time, tying the record for consecutive wins. Armstrong has dominated the Tour De France and has already said he is returning for a try at the sixth title. An amazing story, as Armstrong fought off testicular cancer to come back and win five titles.

Jessica Cramer's
Pillow Talk
is taking a nap to get ready for the fall





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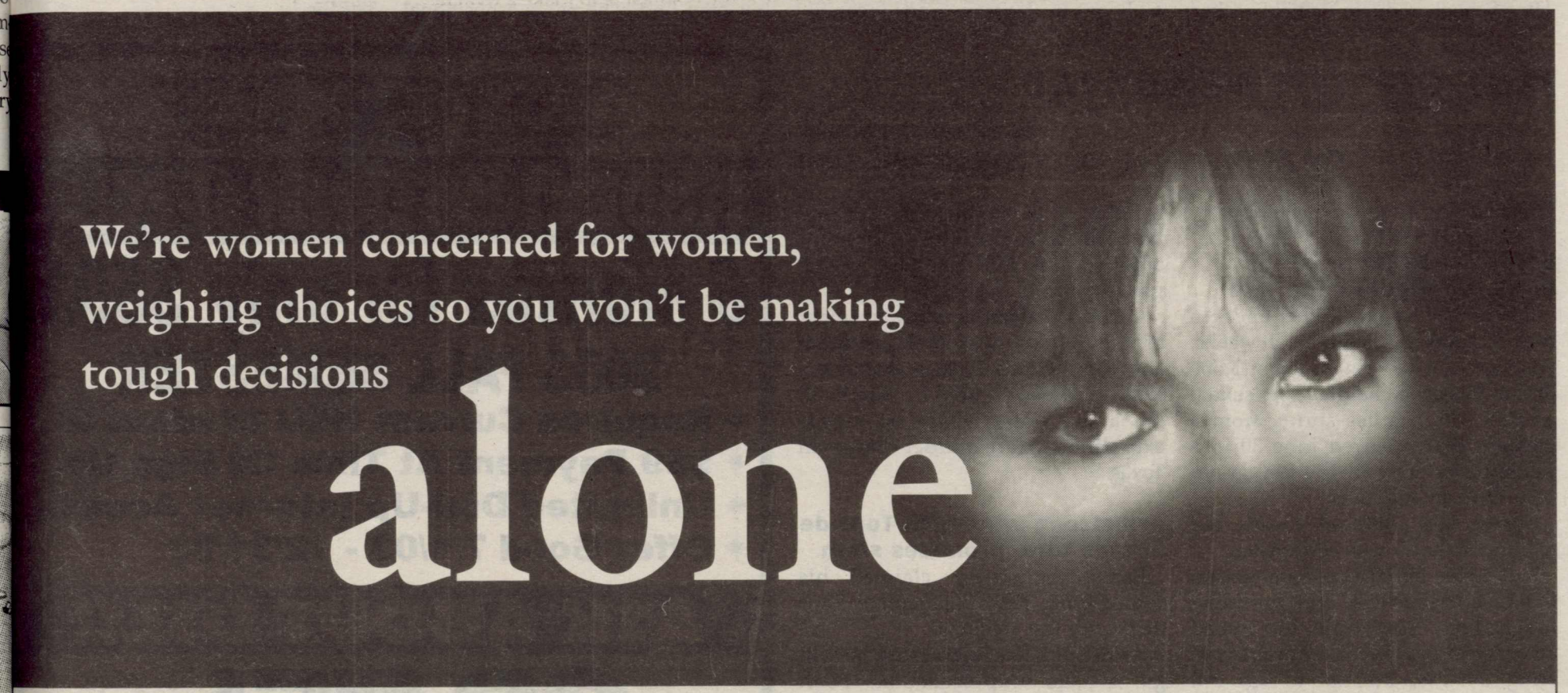
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NSU baseball inks eight new players

Seven prospects have pitching experience; Demons lost five pitchers to graduation.

By Brent Holloway
Sauce Reporter

NSU baseball Head Coach Mitch Gaspard announced eight players have signed letters-of-intent with the Demons, including five junior college transfers.

NSU graduated nine players from a team that finished last season 32-20. Five of the seniors were pitchers, so rebuilding the staff was priority number one for the Demons. Seven of the eight new recruits do some pitching.

Rusty Jones from Butler County Community College in Kansas may be one of the fresh faces on the mound next year, and when he is not pitching there is a good chance he will hold down one of the outfield positions. Jones finished last season batting .317 with 4 home runs and 30 stolen bases in 34 attempts, to go along with a 6-0 record, 2.40 ERA and 45 strikeouts in only 43 innings pitched.

Tioga native and Alexandria Senior High School graduate Daniel Lonsberry will also be a player to watch next season.

The 6'5" pitcher has spent the last two seasons at Northeast Texas Community College where he has accumulated a 16-5 record, and was impressive enough during his freshman campaign to gain the attention of the Colorado Rockies, who drafted Lonsberry in the 31st round of the 2002 draft.

Southpaw D. Wayne Hill, of Ethel, La., will also be expected to contribute to the revamped rotation.

The 6'1", 200-pound junior is transferring from Ole Miss, where he saw limited opportunities to play and hopes to build on the potential he showed in high school when he struck out more than 140 batters.

Ty Hanson from Spring Hill is a 6'4" pitcher with a sidearm delivery who gets the most out of his long frame, with good speed and movement on all his pitches. Hanson went 6-3 with one save and a 3.54 ERA including six complete games in six starts for Bossier Parrish Community College last year.

Jena native Russell Dorton who is transferring from Pratt Community College in Kansas, and incoming freshman Derrick Thomas of Shreveport also signed with the Demons. Thomas throws a 90 mph fastball and has a chance to be an impact pitcher in his first season at NSU.

Kyle Broughton, another Shreveport product, has some pitching experience but may find a home as a positional player, where he also showed promise as a senior at Southwood High School in 2003.

Josh Dunlap is the only non-pitcher in this year's recruiting class. Dunlap is an outfielder coming to NSU from LSU-Eunice, where he batted .331 with 38 RBIs.

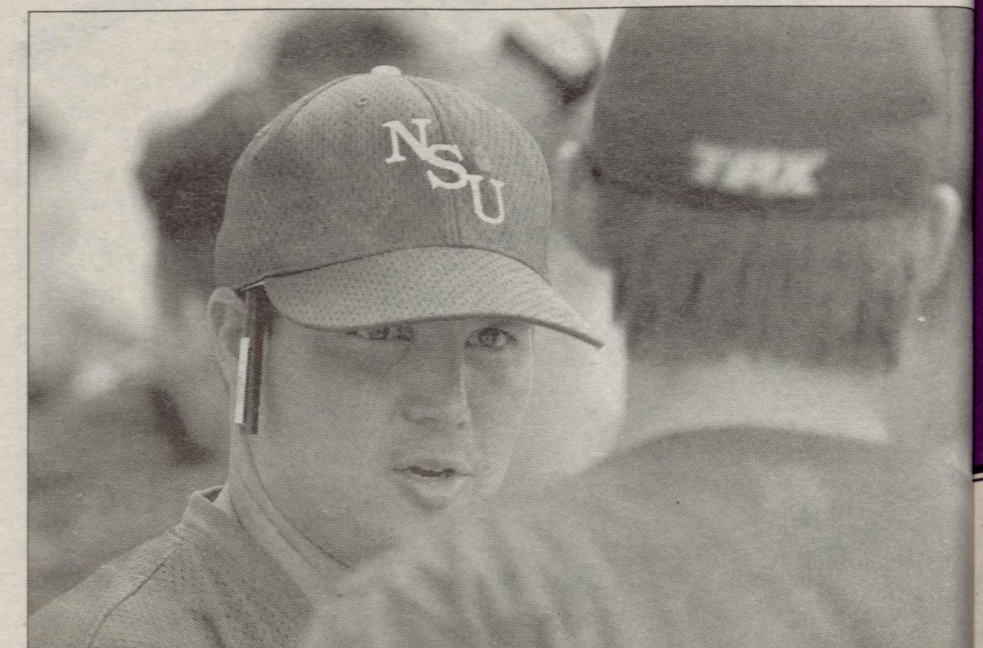


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Baseball Head Coach Mitch Gaspard talks to a player during a 2003 baseball game.

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Bryant case judge slaps limits on media coverage

If you have been living under a rock for the past couple of weeks, you may not have heard that Kobe Bryant has been charged with sexual assault. The charges spring from a incident that occurred June 30 in a Colorado hotel where the 19 year old accuser is an employee.

Bryant has admitted to sex but maintains that it was consensual.

Due to the intense media attention this case has received, the presiding Judge, Terry Ruckriegle, has issued an order Monday that reporters covering the case are not to use cell phones or tape recorders in the courtroom.

They have also been barred from taking photographs of the accuser, her family, or potential jurors.

Baylor player's body found

The body of Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy was positively identified Monday. Dennehy, who has been missing since June 1, is believed to be the victim of foul play. The body has been taken in for autopsy, but officials have yet to give a cause of death.

Carlton Dodson, a fellow member of the Baylor basketball program and the victim's former roommate, is currently being held in Maryland, his home state, where he awaits extradition to face murder charges in Texas.

Armstrong wins fifth Tour de France title, promises sixth

Lance Armstrong claimed his record-tying fifth consecutive Tour de France last weekend.

Armstrong has announced he will go for an unprecedented sixth straight title next year.

The doubters are already pointing to some of his troubles in this year's race, in which he did look beatable for the first time in the last five years, and saying he should retire now and go out on top.

But Armstrong, who has survived cancer and charges of blood doping, is not the kind of athlete to pay much attention to his detractors.

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Demon horsewoman

The star of NSU's Rodeo Team talks about the challenges and trials of competition.

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SGA too sick for second meeting

Fall ballot won't include Rodeo fee option

By Garrett Guillotte
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SGA president Greg Comeaux blamed illness for the cancellation of the first student senate meeting after the start of classes.

An earlier meeting did establish a commission to plan student elections for later this month, however.

Comeaux said too many senators called in sick for the senate to meet and do business for the special meeting on Tuesday. The senate needs at least two-thirds of its members present to pass legislation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

The senate previously met on Aug. 25, appointing an election commission led by student supreme court justice Kristen Huben. The commission set student elections for Sept. 17-18.

The elections are earlier this year than last year, and Manguno said it was to reserve the lever-based voting machines that the SGA uses from the state government.

"It seems like it gets earlier and earlier each year," Manguno said. "This is the only time this could fall."

Comeaux said the elections are early because the state needs the machines for the upcoming state elections. Absentee voting for the state elections are scheduled to start Sept. 22, with the primaries set for Oct. 4.

Students can file to run for a student senate seat until Wednesday by picking up an application in Student Union Room 214.

Manguno said the SGA has worked hard to foster interest in the organization with freshmen, and had found particular success with freshmen in fraternities and sororities.

> "If the fee was to get removed, the Rodeo Team would still exist."
>
> **Scott Manguno**
> SGA vice president

"I came in on the tail end of when the SGA was fun and good," Manguno said. "We need a PR makeover."

SGA vice president Scott Manguno said students will not be able to choose to refuse the Rodeo Team their $1-per-semester self-assessed fee this semester, even though the measure passed the student senate last semester.

Manguno said the University Self-Assessed Fee Committee said they were not properly contacted, then determined that the senate's action violated proper procedure.

"We're still going to find out why it's not on the ballot," Manguno said, vowing to try to implement the measure with its co-author Alan

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A good day for... dueling?

Loch Bais-chapter members of the Society for Creative Anachronism Paul McCune, left, and Christopher "Heebie" Hebert spar medieval-style near the Intramural baseball/softball field Wednesday afternoon. The open-membership, non-profit historical reenactment group recreates many aspects of life in the middle ages — in this case, martial arts.

Housing at work despite audit

By Elaine Broussard
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The University's department of residential life has continued to operate despite the empty chair of its coordinator.

Sheila Gentry, the newly appointed assistant coordinator of residential life, began working in her position Aug. 18. In addition to her own duties, she is also handling the responsibilities of Woody Blair, the coordinator of residential life, who is on paid leave.

Gentry said that she is responsible for managing residential life's student employees and budgets. She also handles maintenance concerns and works with the Physical Plant to correct major problems in the dorms.

Gentry's previous position was coordinator of female residence halls, and she continues handling the duties of that position as well.

The NSU News Bureau reported that Blair was placed on leave June 19 when the University's internal auditor began an investigation of Blair's alleged violation of student employment payroll procedures.

No further information about the investigation's progress is currently available.

The last audit of a campus institution was the state legislative auditor's inquiry into the University's Continuing Education department. That audit resulted in the dismissal of department head Alvin Brossette and two other faculty members.

Brossette was also placed on paid leave until the final audit report was released.

NSU to upgrade net, phone wiring

No residence halls targetted in speed, reliability upgrade

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Northwestern State University's Telecommunications Department is scheduled to begin wiring several campus buildings for high speed Internet and network access on Oct. 1.

The project, which will put fiber optic cables in the Health and P.E. Majors Building, Nesom Natatorium, the Creative and Performing Arts Buildings, Bienvenu Hall, and Fournet Hall, will provide gigabit Internet access and more reliable telephone services.

Telecommunications Coordinator Tracy Brown said the updated systems should be running by the fall of 2004.

The buildings set to receive the upgrade were selected because their network systems are the most outdated and in need of repair.

The Physical Plant has secured $500,000 through the state's capital outlay project and hopes to receive $392,000 more to fund the project.

Any remaining funds will then be set aside for a future wireless network for the campus.

Brown said that the wireless network might eventually cover the entire campus, but a timeframe has not yet been established for beginning work on it.

NSU's Leesville campus has been outfitted for campus-wide wireless Internet access, but the system is not yet fully functional due to some missing hardware.

Brown said all NSU students and faculty will have free access to the wireless network, including high-speed Internet access, through any computer with a wireless network card in the system's range.

Most wireless network cards cost between $40 and $90.

How wireless would work

Students would be able to insert a credit card-sized accessory into their computers — namely mobile computers like laptops. On a properly-configured computer, the card would be able to send and receive information over the University network without cables.



For students, this means high-speed Internet access from almost anywhere. Students could check e-mail outside or use computers for class assignments from anywhere within wireless range.

What's Current?

News

Williams new electronic, continuing education head

Darlene Williams is the new Electronic Learning and Continuing Education Director.

Williams has been with the University for four years as the head of the Electronic Education Department, which the University merged with the Continuing Education Department over the summer.

Williams coordinates all electronic activities, credit and non-credit connections. She deals with online and compressed video classes.

Williams is taking over for Alvin Brossette, who was dismissed by the University after a state legislative audit implicated him in the mismanagement of employee training contracts.

Todd Kirk

NSU plans fund raising campaign

Chris Maggio, director of alumni affairs and development, said that NSU is about to have its first Capital Fundraising Campaign.

"Our goal is to raise over $18 million and a major portion will go towards scholarships," Maggio said.

Maggio said the state is increasingly matching whatever funds the University can raise. He said that the money the state gives the University does help, but their contributions alone are not enough to keep NSU going.

Maggio said people of the community contribute because they have pride in NSU and want to know that good things are happening.

"If it wasn't for the people who donate to Alumni Association and Alumni Development and the Athletic Association, the University could function, but not at the level that we are on now," Maggio said.

Quantia Mills

What's Updated?



Rich Lynch / *the* Current Sauce
Plastic covers parts of the under-renovation Wellness Center Tuesday.

News

Wellness Center on schedule

The new Wellness Center is progressing smoothly, said NSU Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite.

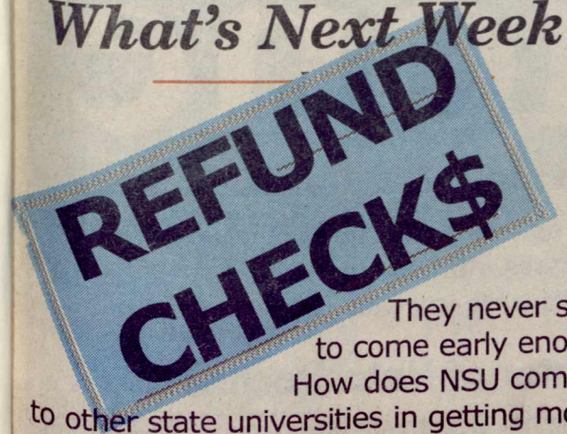
"They're moving along at a good pace and making good time on this particular project," Sampite said.

The building is expected to open in the fall of 2004. Workers are currently setting the foundation for the rear expansion of the building. Sampite said the only delay may be rain, which might briefly set progress back.

Work began on the Center this spring, almost five years after its approval. After bidding problems with contractors, then delays over the project's architect, workers broke ground on May 27.

Elizabeth Bolt

What's Next Week?



They never seem to come early enough. How does NSU compare to other state universities in getting money to students? *The Sauce* asks around.

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University receives funds to complete endowments

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Northwestern State University received matching funds to complete its first $1 million endowed chair and two $100,000 endowed professorships at a ceremony held Tuesday in the Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall.

Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education Joe Savoie presented the university with matching funds from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund for the Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism, the C. Creighton Owen Endowed Professorship in Nursing and the Hopper-Curry Endowed Professorship in Business. The LEQSF has grown from $540 million to $950 million since being created in the 1980's.

"It is clear that Louisiana's future is tied to education," said Savoie. "The Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund is a Louisiana success story. It has created endowments equal to the amount of the original fund."

Savoie said enrollment in the state's colleges and universities is at the highest level ever and is projected to remain stable this year. Louisiana has the fastest growing community college system in the country, he said. Savoie also pointed out that remedial education at colleges and universities has decreased, retention and graduation rates have increased. The amount of research funding generated at Louisiana colleges and universities has also increased.

"More people are getting access to training and education which can change their lives forever," said Savoie. "The improvements are happening because colleges and universities are focusing on the people they are serving."

The Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism was created with a donation from Erbon and Marie Wise. The Owen Endowed Professorship was set up by a donation from the Claude "Buddy" Leach and C. Creighton Owen families. Ed Curry established the Hopper-Curry Endowed Professorship in Business.

"These endowed chairs and professorships could not happen without donors who focus on the value of our work," said Savoie. "These people think beyond themselves. The endowments will help future generations and will help our colleges and universities continue to make progress."

Northwestern has also received a donation for an endowed chair in the College of Business and a pledge for an endowed chair for the College of Education. The university has 24 endowed professorships.

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> **Joe Savoi**
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"When people think of North western, we want them to thin of quality," said NSU Preside Randall J. Webb. "The Erbon and Marie Wise Endowed Cha in Journalism will be a tran forming gift for our Departme of Journalism. The C. Creighto Owen Endowed Professorship i Nursing and the Hopper-Curr Endowed Professorship in Bus ness will help fund facult research in two of our outstan ing programs."

Endowed chairs are create with a $600,000 private gi which is matched with $400,0 from the LEQSF. Endowed pr fessorships are set up with $60,000 donation matched b $40,000 from the LEQSF.



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Correction

In the May 1 issue's ROTC profiles, Bridget Washington was improperly quoted. Miss Washington did not speak to a *Sauce* reporter.

***The Sauce* regrets the error and apologizes for the lateness of this correction.**

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For more information, contact New Student Programs at **357-5559**.

Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center will hold its first "Night of Knowledge" **Sept. 15** at **8 p.m.** in the **Student Union Ballroom**.

During the event, speakers will discuss different types of STDs, their risks and some honest facts about abortion. They will talk to students and answer questions.

For more information, call the Center at **357-8888**.

SAB

The **Student Activities Board** has the following positions available for the 2003-04 year:

1 Campus Trends Committee Chairman
1 Representative-at-Large
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Deadline for applications is **Sept. 12** at **4:30 p.m.** For more information and to pick up an application, go to **Student Union Room 214**.

SGA

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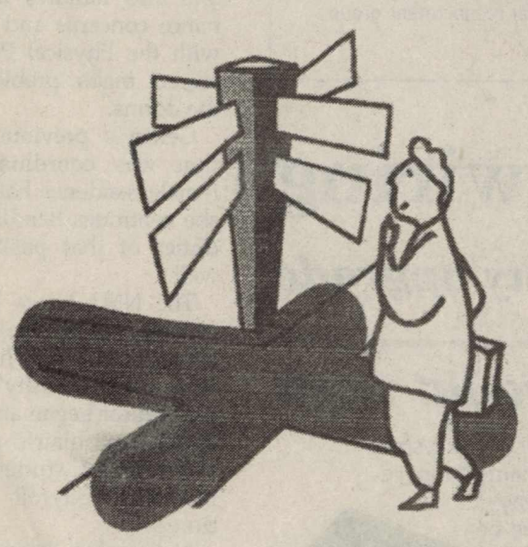
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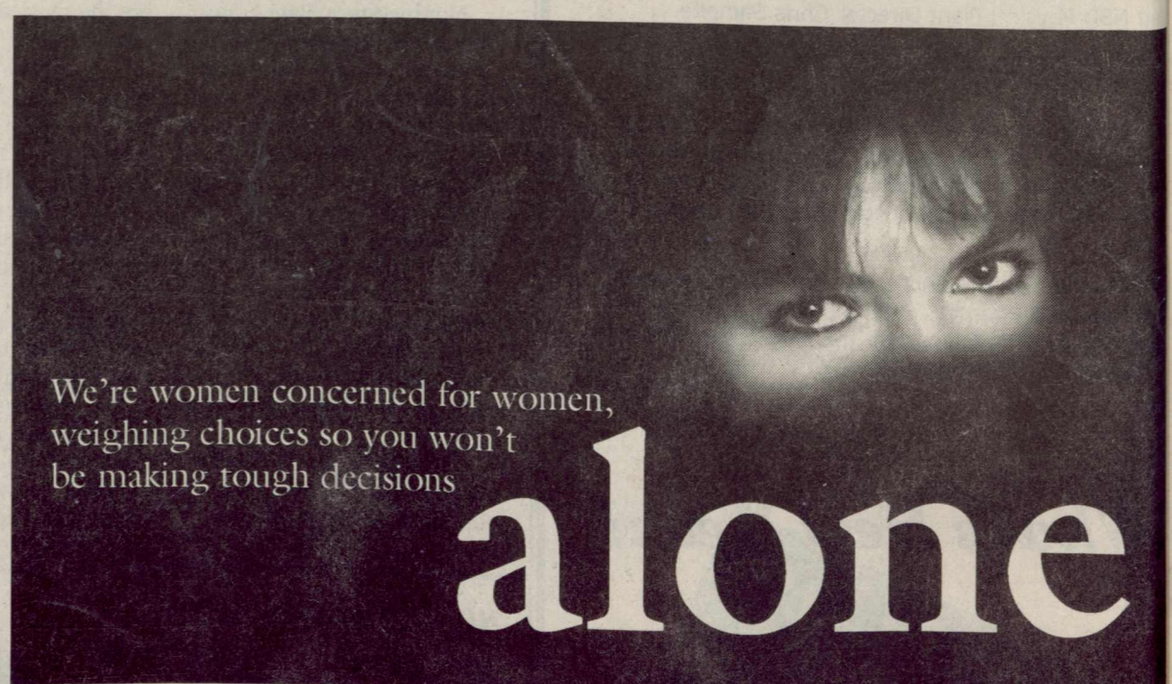
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Pick up your copy of **the 2003 *Argus*** student literary and art magazine from the **Writing Lab, Kyser 335.**

the CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for **CONNECTIONS**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

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Manguno said they were not pursuing a similar 'measure for NSU Crew, the other club sport that receives money from self-assessed fees, because he believed the rowing team had a broad fan base on campus and would be approved by students.

"If the fee was to get removed, the Rodeo Team would still exist," Manguno said. He said the team would have to request additional money from the student senate like other club sports, such as inline hockey.

Implementation of the One Card system, a cornerstone of former SGA president Stacie Cosby's administration, has also been delayed.

The system, which would allow students to use their student ID not only to enter dorms and pay at student eateries, but also pay for laundry and vending machines on campus and access other yet-unspecified services.

Manguno said the University budget did not include the money needed to implement the system. Student technology fees, which students pay each semester, have already been used to hire a One Card coordinator and acquire system software.

NSU: Unregistered posters prohibited

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

Individuals or businesses wishing to advertise, promote or solicit on the Northwestern State campus need to get permission before posting material or selling on campus.

Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl P. Henry III said individuals or businesses must obtain prior approval before engaging in any type of selling activity on campus under University of Louisiana System and NSU policy.

The activity includes posting flyers or setting up information booths on the Northwestern campus.

"The university has an obligation to know who is selling on campus," said Henry. "We want to make sure products and services are advertised and promoted that will have some benefit to our students."

The system and university policy limits advertisements and notices to bulletin boards that are for general use only. Any flyers placed on trees, walls, doors, windows or vehicle windows will be removed.

"Flyers that are improperly placed on walls do damage to the walls by removing paint," said Henry. "Having flyers all over campus creates a great deal of clutter and actually makes it more difficult for people to get their message out."

Henry says those wishing to advertise on campus can fill out an authorization form which is available in Room 214 of the Friedman Student Union. University officials will be available to explain the policy and answer any questions.

For more information, call 357-6511.

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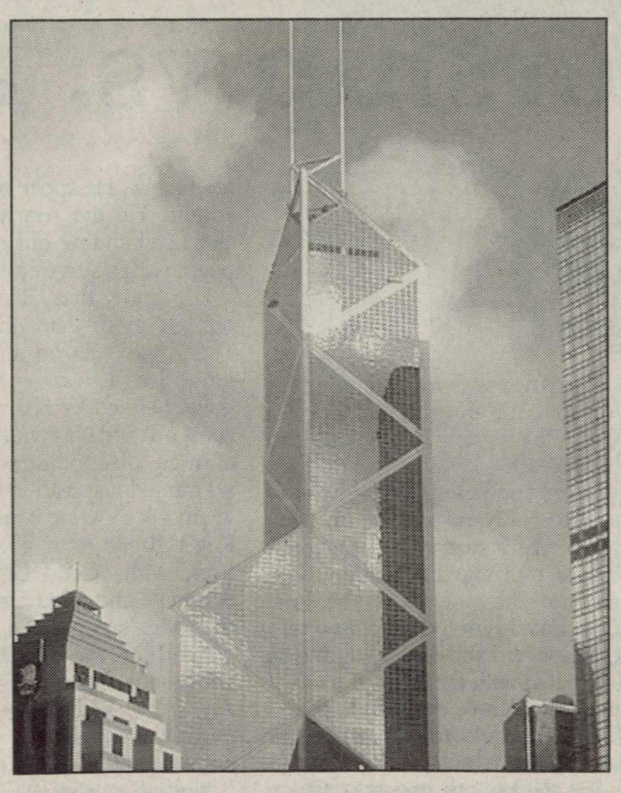
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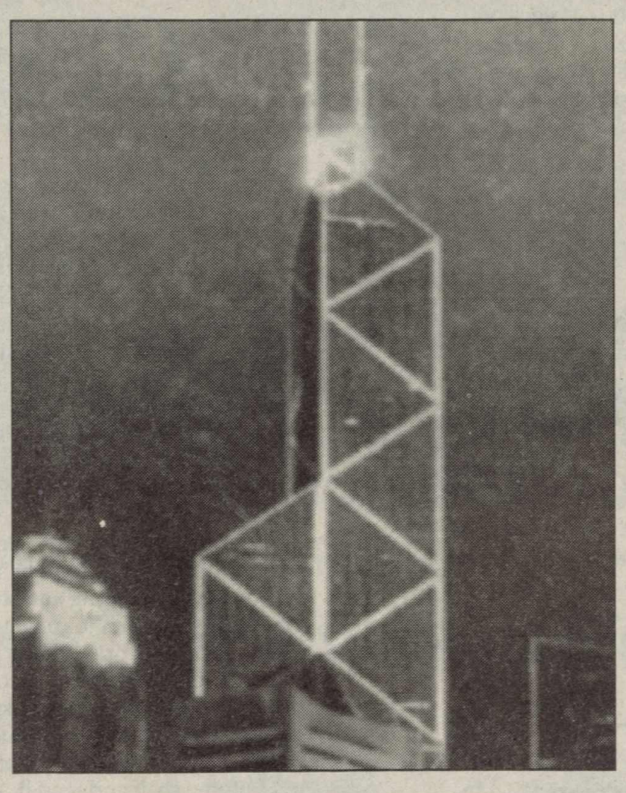


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Editorial

Welcome to NSU! Now get out of my parking spot



Garrett Guillotte
Editor in Chief

To the freshmen, welcome to Northwestern — now get your residential hang tag-having car out of that perfectly good commuter parking spot before I have to slash your tires and spark a wild low- to mid-speed Segway (see photo above) chase with NSU police across campus.

To the rest of you fellow students, welcome back to Northwestern — now drop out of the upper level class I need to graduate before I make you appreciate the fact that the infirmary fee is assessed to commuting students by default now. (Or did you even notice that?)

Is it just me, or is our perpetually record-breaking enrollment *not* something to be ecstatic about? I mean, sure, NSU has to be doing something right to lure more than 10,000 students every year, with the number going up, up, up. But what has the University done to keep up?

Convenient parking space has increased far less dramatically than the student population. Campus police are happy to point out that there's a ton of parking spots out by Prather Coliseum, but those are spots that, especially in these last sweltering summer weeks, not a single soul with classes in any building past the Union will ever really use.

I mean, seriously, who wants to walk the whole gargantuan four or five blocks all the way to Kyser from Prather? That takes, like, a whole 10 minutes, dude! Which actually isn't so bad, of course, except that a lot of commuters try to get to class by driving onto campus just a few minutes before it starts.

So that leaves commuters with two choices: walk off that cafeteria grease by parking out in the boonies, or duel it out in a perilous game of Super Banzai Deathmatch Parking in the commuter lots outside of Kyser. Remember, kids, when I say "Slow-moving pedestrians are worth 50 points," I'm only joking. They're really worth more.

At least NSU hasn't been feeling as much of a squeeze for getting into classes as other schools. I know there are readers who have gone through hell and back trying to get into a required core class here, but think of it this way: the *New York Times* reports that the University of Illinois cancelled more than 1,000 classes this year. At the University of North Carolina, 1,000 students won't get to take beginning Spanish. Ball State in Indiana cut its entire track and field program — scholarships and all.

We certainly aren't that bad. At least, we aren't yet. NSU shed a graduate history program last year, a cut that affected nearly a dozen students. Departments across campus have started coupling like rabbits near springtime: Continuing and Electronic Education, University Recruiting and New Student Programs... what's next? The Health and Human Aviation Scholars' College of Creative and Performing Chemistry Arts? Dogs and cats living together?

Oh, the insanity! Oh, the fun!

I won't pretend to know a lick about running the University. But I can suggest this: President Webb, before you cut a program, make sure you let us know what the University would have to do to reinstate it. I can guess that restarting a program, or even a single course, is a lot harder than cutting it.

Until then, fellow students, remember: Slow-moving pedestrians might be worth some 50 or so points, but if you hit one of those campus po-po Segways, it's game over. You lose your quarters.

The way your clothes be stinkin', freshie, you need 'em for the laundry machines. And get out my spot, B.



The university is no longer a quiet place to teach and do scholarly work at a measured pace an contemplate the universe. It is big, complex, demanding competitive, bureaucratic, **and chronically short of money.**

Phyllis Dai
U.S. educator, historia
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Point / Counterpoint

The fall of the *Argus*



Edward L. Boudreaux III

One of the best submissions for the 2002-2003 *Argus* was left on the editing room floor because Editor Glenn A. Ward Jr. bent over for the administration.

The *Argus* is a piece of art that sings of the creativity of Ward and Asst. Editor Jessica Troske. However, one of the most powerful submissions, "Golden Gate Bridge," was not included because it contained "offensive language."

Ward championed himself a revolutionary, one who would serve the interests of the students and not the whims of the administration. I am sad to report that he failed the students this past year. Ward pulled the poem written by Andrew Patrick David because it was sexually graphic and used "racially insensitive" language.

"Golden Gate Bridge" is a cascade of brilliant imagery that depicts the raping of a young man as he attempts to gaze upon the Golden Gate Bridge. Like the detestable act of rape, the poem makes most readers uncomfortable — that is the point. One should not get a warm and fuzzy feeling when reading about someone being physically and psychologically raped.

Julie Kane advised the *Argus* and told Ward that she would not permit her name to be associated with the *Argus* if the poem ran. She may object and perhaps be allowed to run a short editorial on the facing page saying that she did not approve of the poem, but it is not her place to make editorial decisions for the *Argus*. In effect, she blackmailed Ward into removing the piece.

Kane was being reviewed for a tenured position in the English department when she advised the *Argus*. I charge that she pressured Ward into removing the poem because the administration, including President Randall Webb, pressured her. Kane, consequently, earned tenure this fall.

In her classes, Kane advocates reading works by the well-known poet Allen Ginsberg. She said that Ginsberg is a great writer, in part, because he does not use offensive language. However, in Ginsberg's second most famous poem "America" he does use "nigger." Of the thousands of poets available, Kane advocated Ginsberg, who used some of the same language that she professed to disdain.

But Kane is not the audience of the *Argus* — the students are. You and I paid for the printing of the *Argus* and the scholarships for Ward and his staff. The staff is responsible to the students, not the adviser or the administration.

To this end Ward sought council from members of the Student Government Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, African American Caucus, National Association of Black Journalists, and various other students asking if it would be appropriate to publish the poem.

After consulting with these groups and dozens of faculty members within the journalism and English departments, Ward wrote in the finished *Argus* that he pulled the poem because he felt that the "…poem's sexually graphic and racially insensitive use of language overshadows the piece's meaning and does not allow civil discussion of the ideas the poem expresses."

Ward succumbed to the pressures of his adviser, English an journalism professors, and speci interest groups like the NAAC and AAC. The revolution was ov and the losers were the students NSU themselves. You did not get read "Golden Gate Bridge" and t to understand the message. Othe decided that you were not matu enough to read something contr versial and get something out of

People like this ban *Of Mice a Men*, *Nigger*, *Mein Kampf*, *The Ana chist Cookbook*, *Catch-22*, and *To K A Mockingbird* — and these are ju a few of the books that other peop have determined the public w not mature enough to read. Ea book has lessons on life, some how to live and others on how n to live. I am grateful that none these influential books were wr ten here at NSU because here liter ture, much less the freedom speech, is a joke.

Edward Boudreaux's opinion is n representative of *the Current Sauce* the University. He is an advertising sal representative for *the Sauce* a treasurer of the Student Governme Association, but his opinions and wor are his alone and are not shared by *t Sauce*, its business department advertisers, other student medi or the SG

Censorship vs. Editing



Garrett Guillotte

To many people who know Andrew David, Glenn Ward's decision as editor of *Argus* to not run Andrew's "Golden Gate Bridge" was a surprise. I remember Glenn asking me to read "Golden Gate" — a harsh, chaotic crush of explicit sexual violence and a dense list of racial slurs.

It did, however, look like a draft with promise; through the near-jumble of its structure and between the shock-words, the emotion slipped through. It was clearly angry, but I could see a sort of inner pain, the harsh suffering and confusion Andrew wanted to convey.

But then I stepped back and looked at the poem from another perspective, one that doesn't know Andrew. I looked at it as a student who just picked up a copy of the *Argus* off the shelf and read it.

That's when I saw the poem's weakness — without knowing who Andrew is, and without having read anything else by him, the reader would be hard-pressed to see past the sheer amount of shock built into the poem. Unlike Allen Ginsberg, whose obscenity was sparingly and powerfully used, "Golden Gate Bridge" was flooded, saturated with it.

The *Argus* was indeed made for you and for me, the students of NSU. That's why I'm glad Glenn decided to ask students for their opinion. I don't entirely know why he went out and started bringing the poem to students — maybe it was to pull together student support for the poem. Maybe Julie Kane asked him to, or advised him to. If she said she didn't want to be associated with the *Argus* if it ran, it was still Glenn's decision to make. The *Argus* could run without mention of its adviser.

But the bottom line was, Glenn Ward did what any editor should do, and what any good editor wants to do — he sought his audience's opinion. He wanted to know what they wanted.

Glenn didn't just go to a few student organizations. He approached classmates and engaged them in debate. He spoke to members of other student media, to faculty and staff. He spoke to experts in student media law. He spoke to past *Argus* editors. He did nearly everything short of handing out copies of the poem with a survey attached.

I do know that Glenn pressured himself more than anyone could. The *Argus* was on shaky enough ground as it was — the previous issue, helmed by Shane Erath, had come out and was widely viewed as a huge disappointment. It even warranted a spread in the *Potpourri* yearbook showing it next to Sabrina Key's *Argus* from a couple years back, with "Good Design" under Sabrina's and "Bad Design" under the Shane's. A petition campaign to get rid of the *Argus* failed not because of student support for the *Argus*, but because most students didn't know what it was, having not seen one in nearly two years.

And then along came "Golden Gate Bridge." Along came a catalyst that made Glenn go out and find out exactly what his audience cared about, not out of fear of upsetting Julie Kane, but out of fear that students — the audience — would start nailing the *Argus'* already-prepared coffin shut themselves.

The feedback Glenn received didn't bring about any change what Andrew wrote. The poem would run as-is or not at all, a choice onl Andrew and Glenn could mak "Golden Gate Bridge" would, an does, remain something that only very few *Argus* readers would read ily understand because the poem audience was not the *Argus'*. Glen recognizing this, took a poem h liked and felt had enough merit as piece of literature to stand on it own, and edited it out with a heav heart. Glenn made that decision – nobody else had the authority.

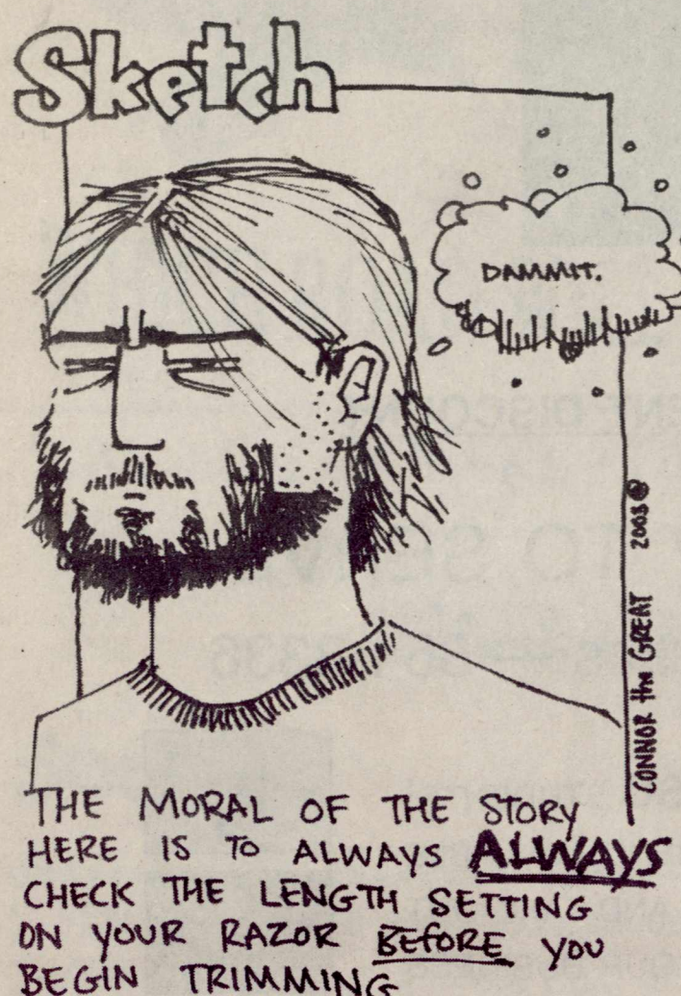
If what Glenn did was wrong i any way, the blame is entirely his. someone outside of his audienc pressured him in any way, Glen alone chose to succumb to it.

But if his decision made th *Argus* more accessible to more stu dents, if it raised its profile, if brought the publication a measur of respect with its audience that hadn't had in years, then was worth it to choose to edit out on poem?

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What's Current?

Hollywood casting partner at NSU Monday

The theater department will hold a workshop on Monday in Theater West. The guest speaker will be Donn Finn, former head of the University of Southern Califorina at Fullerton. Finn is also a partner in a casting company in Hollywood, Calif. There will also be a party to follow at 7 p.m. This workshop is open to theater majors and those interested in theater.

Contestants sought for Miss City of Lights Pageant

Contestants are being sought for the 2003 Miss City of Lights Pageant, scheduled to take place on Sunday, Sept. 28. The Miss City of Lights Pagaent serves as a preliminary to the Miss Louisiana/Miss America Pagent. Ladies between the ages of 18 and 24 who are attending a Louisiana college or university are eligible to enter the pageant. Contestants will compete in interview, eveningwear, swimwear and talent competitions. The winner of the pageant will receive a full, one-year tuition scholarship to NSU and $1,000 in cash. For more information or to enter the Miss City of Lights Pageant, call Nona Lodridge-Jordan at 318-352-5882 or 318-352-2098.

Cane River Run set for Sept. 20

The Cane River Run will be held on Saturday,Sept. 20 at Prather Coliseum. This event is sponsored by the Independent Riders of Natchitoches. Registration time is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the ride will begin at noon. Pre-registration includes an event t-shirt for the first 100 people. All proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of Natchitoches. For more information call 318-352-6268.

Faculty Art Exhibition on display through Oct. 3

The display is located in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery.The downstairs exhibit features photographs by Rivers Murphy taken during a student trip to Chicago during spring break earlier this year. The upstairs gallery features paintings by Brooks Defee, Bill Bryant, Clyde Downs, Robert Moreau, and Shawna Atkins; mixed media works by Michael Yankowski and sculpture by Philip Kidd. Admission is free and open to the public.

Theatre Dept. plans two fall productions

The NSU Theatre presents two productions this fall. The first production "Tartuffe" will be held Oct. 16-18 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. The second production, "The Rimers of Eldritch" is set for Nov. 13 through 16 and 19 through 21 in Theatre West. For more information on the Northwestern Theatre's 2003-2004 season, call 318-357-6891.

Coffee Calls: Natchitoches welcomes java franchise

By Tasha N. Braggs
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On August 27, the City of Natchitoches held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new coffee house.

PJ's Coffee and Tea Company officially opened on May 9. PJ's is the first franchise coffee shop to enter Natchitoches since the former Albertson's Starbucks.

"There were about forty to fifty people at the ceremony including the mayor and (University President) Dr. (Randall) Webb," the PJ's owner, Michael Moulton said.

"It was a really great turn out, and it felt great to have the support from the community," Moulton said.

Moulton, a professor in NSU's health and human performance department, and his wife Patrice, are partners in the coffee shop business. Moulton said not only did they want to give back to the community of Natchitoches, but they also wanted to invest in the business to pay for their son's college education.

"We have been going to PJ's ever since the late 80's," Moulton said. "So, we wanted to bring something to Natchitoches that the people could appreciate as much as we do."

Moulton said that he has a wonderful group of employees that consists of one manager, Janice Fuller, and ten crew workers, all of whom attend NSU.

"I do everything to help run the business from hiring to scheduling," Fuller said.

Fuller said she is working on promoting the coffee shop through the working crew. Each employee receives coupons with a personal number on it and the employee with the most redeemed coupons receives a prize.

"We have a different special every week for everyone including, teachers, doctors, and elementary school kids, but our main goal is to let the community know we are out there," Fuller said. "I enjoy working with the employees and it is a very comfortable atmosphere. It is very important that the employees know the product and be able to not only give quality service, but to educate the customer as well."

Among the ten employees that Fuller works with are Amanda Owens, a senior graphic communications major and Adam Hebert, a senior health and exercise science major. Owens said that each employee went through a week of training to memorize all the recipes for the beverages, salads, and sandwiches.

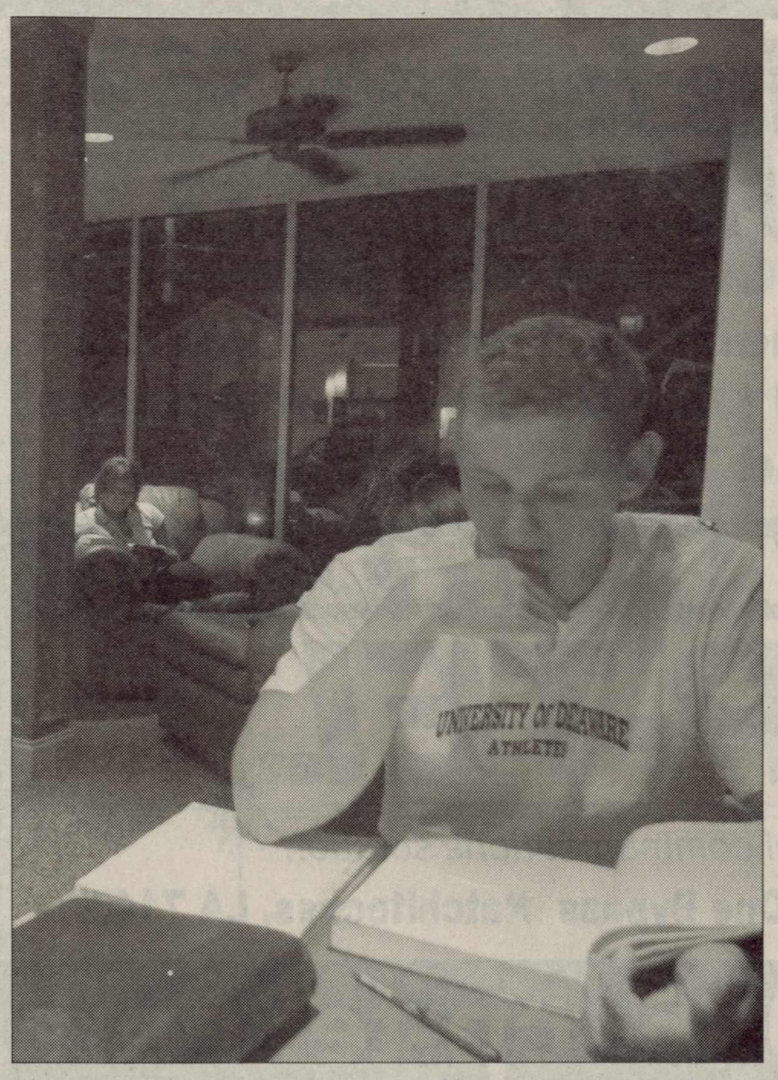
"Our biggest rush is during the evening when the students from the University and LSMSA students come to study or relax," Owens said.

"You get to know the regular customers well," Hebert said. "There is one particular lady that comes in the morning to order a sesame seed bagel and each time I before she orders it."

Owens said that groups, such as the SGA executive board, come to have meetings. PJ's had done everything from catering to baby showers, and is looking to promote amateur productions, including student poetry and art work, in the future.

"My favorite thing from PJ's is the traditional coffee regular brew," said Rick Dressel, a graduate student in clinical psychology. "I normally go through the drive-thru in the morning for my first cup and then a second cup at night."

"The owners and manager have done an excellent of making the atmosphere feel relaxed in your coffee experience," Owens said. "As if you were sitting in your own living room, on a comfortable leather couch, enjoying your favorite beverage and pastry."



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Rick Dressel, a grad student in Clinical Psychology reads at PJ's Tuesday evening.

Crash Course On Coffeeshopping

Notes for the true coffee experience

- Mocha and vanilla velvet ice is a popular beverage. This is a cold drip coffee with vanilla and moche flavor.
- Boms are the dome-shapped pastries. These pasteries come in chocolate or vanilla. The vanilla has a strawberry in the middle and is coated with vanilla with a drizzle of dark chocolate. The chocolate is made of pure chocolate mousse.
- Expresso is not recommended for late night studying because it uses hotter water. The hotter the water used for coffee, the less caffeine. For those burning the midnight oil days, try an iced coffee, such as a granita, because cold brewed coffee has the most caffeine.

Source: The employees of PJ's Coffee and Tea Company in Natchitoches.



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Amanda Owens, right, a senior Graphic communications major, helps sophmore education majorJamesa Burrell,far left.

End of Summer festival set for Saturday

By Kyle A. Carter
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Once again summer passes away into fall. With the changing seasons comes not only return of the school year but also the second annual End of Summer Festival.

The EOS Fest is a one day-long free local band rock show. Scheduled to start Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and end at 10 p.m., the show will give students something to do on campus. Boasting bands like local favorites Kelvin and last year's enthusiasm-boost Zack the Rookie, Adam Carter — a journalism student at NSU and program director at KNWD the Demon 91.7 FM, and founder of the festival — hopes there will be a huge turnout.

Carter's biggest change to this year's show is the enlistment of KNWD and the Make a Wish Foundation charity. This allows him to do this year's festival on campus. The show will be held at the South Jefferson Street entrance and is free to all who attend, but patrons are asked to make donations of any size to the Make a Wish Foundation who agreed to co-sponsor the show.

The Demon hopes that the show will bring more attention to the college station and give students something to do on campus.

Jennifer Anderson, journalism professor at NSU and faculty advisor to KNWD, believes the show to be a great way to bring students together and raise awareness of the Demon.

"The EOS Fest is a way to demonstrate some of the music listeners can hope to hear on the Demon," Anderson said.

"The radio station is involved because it is a local music show," Roy Davis, chief engineer at the Demon, said.

Those wondering if this year's show can expect rain like last year's should rest assured that the show will go on despite rain. A rain location at the Alley in the Student Union is already planned.



File Photo
Local band Kelvin performs at last year's End of Summer festival. Kelvin is scheduled to return to this year's EOS fest.

Festivalgoers can expect water to be served at the show. Organizers asked people to remember that this is an on-campus event, and no drugs or alcohol will be tolerated.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

FALL FLAIR

Hello all you fashion gurus, guys, and gals! I've been honored with the wonderful position as *the Sauce's* fashion columnist.

I'm extremely excited to bring knowledge to everyone about all of the do's and dont's in the fashion industry this fall.

In my opinion, fashion goes so much further than the clothes people wear.

Health (that is, mental, spiritual, and physical) and confidence assist in completing any look.

My goal for this column is to attract interest from each of those aspects and to give helpful tips for an easy-going, fashionable college life! So... enjoy!

To all you post-labor day non-white-wearers: Fall is just around the corner, and that 'rule' is so old and untrue these days.

White is actually a superb color for the fall. It blends wonderfully with other color combos, and it's a gorgeous color on anyone.

So, before putting those white pants away for the cooler season, pull out a classy black turtleneck or that chic blouse that complements your silhouette, and sport your wonderful whites!

Single women... declare your independence! There's a new diamond right hand ring, exclusively for those of us who are 'relationship free'.

Instead of an engagement ring or a promise ring, the right- hand ring allows women to express their contentment while living single. It's a brilliant new fashion craze.

Okay students, this time of the year, everyone is waiting for loan and refund checks for shopping purposes, right?

Well, don't spend all of your cash buying different outfits for every day of the week. One of the best things about fashion these days is that it's tremendously broad.

Ladies, a pair of jeans, whether dark denim, faded, or stone washed, can go so many different ways. Dress those jeans up with a pair of stiletto boots and a slim cut jacket to elongate your figure. For a more casual look, go with some attractive loafers or casual shoes and a baby tee.

Guys, use those khakis and push for the rugged look with a simple collar shirt and some casual boots.

Go a bit sportier with a polo style shirt and a pair of smart boots or shoes.

This season will be an explosive and vivid season of fashion, with varieties of colors and ensembles for all you gorgeous guys and lovely ladies.

■ *Janie Warren is a senior journalism major. Her column will appear every other week in the Diversions section.*

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'Jeepers Creepers 2' actually kinda creepy, avoids horror overkill

By Chris Hewitt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The first 45 minutes of "Jeepers Creepers 2" contain about as much on-screen violence as a "Bob the Builder" episode, and that's a sign of how smart and unexpectedly entertaining this movie is.

Unlike the first "Jeepers Creepers," a mishmash that spilled enough blood and had enough competing concepts for five slasher movies, the sequel is a straightforward affair.

A bunch of teenagers are on bus under siege by the Creepe a slasher who is determined give them the worst publi transportation experience sin "Speed."

"Jeepers Creepers 2," writte and directed by the original Victor Salva, takes its time to g to the carnage, letting us use ou imagination to summon the ho rible things the Creeper is cap ble of before it slowly begins reveal them. Salva knows h can't show us anything nearly terrible as we can dream up, s he doesn't try.

And he metes out the bloo shed in dribs and drabs, so doesn't get ridiculous and tak us out of the movie the way does in "Freddy vs. Jason." Lik special-effects overkill, bloo overkill can get boring, but tha never happens here.

Salva has taken what h learned from the original "Jeep ers'" fine opening scene an applied it here, using suggestio and invention to create sus penseful scenes in which th kids await their fates at th hands of the Creeper, a Alien/Freddy composite wh materializes every 23 years an who has creepy wings that ma remind you of those evil mon keys in "The Wizard of Oz." Th editing is muddy in a couple o scenes, but, for the most part, keeps us rapt, as does the musi cal score, which is in a jangly Bernard Herrmann ("Psycho vein. The score is a knockoff but like Equal and Kate Hudson, it' a good one.

True, the only surprise i "Jeepers Creepers 2" is that unlike every other slasher film this one is obsessed with mal torsos, not female ones (heck "Boy Meets Boy" doesn't have this many abs).

Salva may not be doing any thing new, but he does it wel enough to suggest it won't be 2 more years before the Creepe shows up again.

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What every college student must have

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Knight Ridder Newspapers

You've got the dorm refrigerator, the TV set and the computer. What else does a college freshman need?

Here are some ideas:

• A hammer and a box of nails or drywall anchors for hanging pictures, calendars and the like. If the dorm or apartment prohibits those, try double-sided tape or poster putty.

• A flashlight and several packages of batteries. Don't forget batteries for other electronic devices, too.

• Screwdrivers for assembling furniture and bookshelves.

• Multiple-outlet surge protectors to safeguard electronics.

• A 25-foot extension phone cord, which allows the phone to be placed anywhere in the room.

• Electrical wiring, extra cables and splitters for high-tech equipment such as DVD players, stereos and video games.

• Large plastic storage containers that fit under the bed.

• Small appliances, such as a coffee maker and toaster oven, if they're permitted.

• A desktop or standing fan for a room without air conditioning.

• A small reading lamp and extra light bulbs.

• A long mirror to make a small room look bigger.

• A dry erase board to hang on the door so friends can leave messages, and a cork board for posting photos, class schedules and notes.

• A stepstool for reaching high shelves.

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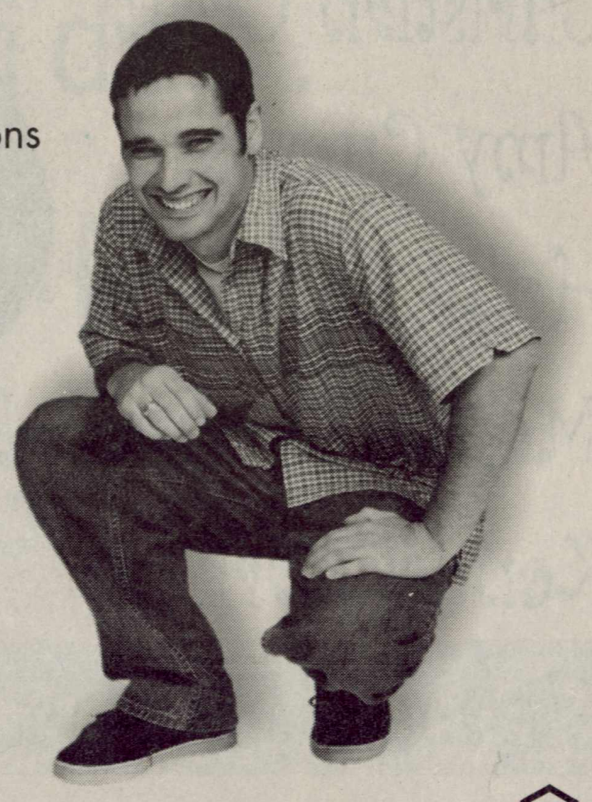


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Volleyball starts season 1-3 after Arkansas St. Invitational tourney

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Much improved frontline power helped Northwestern State surprise Tennessee-Martin 3-1 Friday in the season-opening match for both teams at the Arkansas State Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Lady Demons couldn't complete a sweep Friday, blowing a 2-0 lead with 14 service errors contributing to a 3-2 defeat at the hands of Arkansas-Little Rock. Saturday, Northwestern plays Eastern Kentucky at 9 a.m. and Arkansas State at 3 to cap the two-day event.

Tennessee-Martin finished the 2002 season with a No. 60 ranking in the NCAA's Ratings Percentage Index, measuring team strength throughout Division I. Northwestern, under second-year coach Leigh Davis, posted a 30-20, 26-30, 30-24, 30-18 triumph Friday morning over UTM.

Becky David, a senior from Upland, Ind., had 14 kills and Ft. Myers, Fla. sophomore Shannon Puder added 11 while freshman Latoya Sanders of Baton Rouge-Glen Oaks hit .556 with 5 kills in the triumph.

"We didn't play especially well, but we showed we are just much more athletic and powerful up front than we were last season," said Davis. "It was a really good win for us to defeat a team that was so strong last season."

In Friday's second match, Northwestern was on the verge of a 3-0 sweep before service errors turned the tide in the third game. NSU won the first two games 31-29 and 30-26, but dropped the next three 28-30, 24-30 and 9-15 as UALR evened its record at 1-1 after an earlier loss to Memphis.

Sanders attacked at a .591 rate and had 15 kills while Puder hit .381 and made 10 kills.

"Our middles are playing aw some," said Davis. "Because gave away so many points servi the match changed. We just le win slip through our hands. Tha something we cannot allow to ha pen any longer. I'm really tick and I hope our players feel ev worse."

Northwestern State was outhit both of its matches Saturday a lost a dramatic 5-game battle w Eastern Kentucky before a 3-1 l to tournament host Arkansas St to cap the Lady Demons' 20 debut in the ASU Invitational v leyball tournament.

Eastern Kentucky (1-2) won 3 27, 31-33, 30-32, 30-22, 15-13 wh Arkansas State prevailed later S urday over NSU 30-24, 30-19, 2 30, 30-15.

The Lady Demons play in t Centenary tournament next.

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NSU track adds, loses coaches

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The NSU track and field team is in for a couple of changes this season with the loss of coach Dean Johnson and the additions of coaches LaMark Carter and Mark Koebernik.

The changes came when Dean Johnson, women's coach and son of head coach Leon Johnson, decided to leave NSU's track team to take on a coaching position at Natchitoches Central High School.

Leon Johnson said the opportunity for his son to continue coaching as well as spending more time with his family made the offer too good to pass up.

"We lose a great coach with Dean's departure," Athletic Director Greg Burke said in an interview with nsudemons.com, "but we are putting together an exciting new combination of coaches, led by the incomparable Leon Johnson, to try to continue to elevate our program."

That exciting new combination has begun and will be in full swing this season. The wisdom and experience the new coaches have may help the NSU track and field team reach new heights.

Carter is a three-time All-American at Northwestern and a five-time USA triple jump champion. He was named first alternate in the triple jump for the USA during the 1996 Olympics and made the USA team for the 2000 Olympics.

Koebernik has coached high school track in Florida, collegiate track at the University of Florida and was a volunteer at the 1996 Olympics.

Both coaches say they are ready to take on this season and both agree that for this season persistence is the key to glory.

Soccer team plays hard but loses to Ga. Southern

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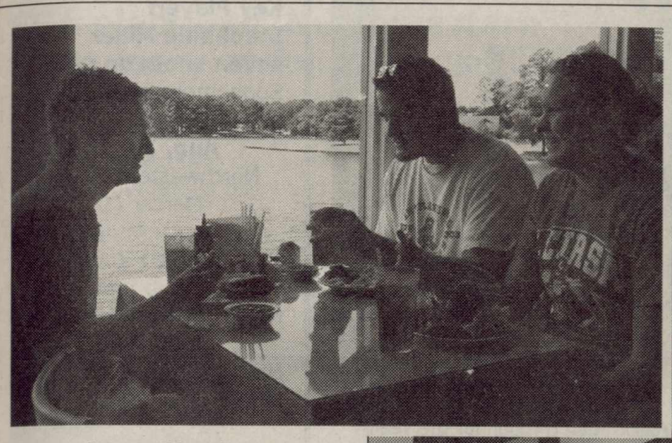
The Northwestern State soccer team dominated the first half of its game Sunday with Georgia Southern but couldn't covert scoring changes and the Eagles rallied to post a 2-0 triumph over the Lady Demons.

"We've given up three goals in two games and nothing has come in the flow of play," said Mitchell.

"I'm encouraged by the performance today. The effort was very good and we are coming home a better team than we were when we got on the bus Wednesday." It will be great to play at home next Sunday," he said.

NSU plays host to Oklahoma State next Sunday afternoon at 1:00.

The Cowgirls lead the series 2-0 against the Lady Demons.



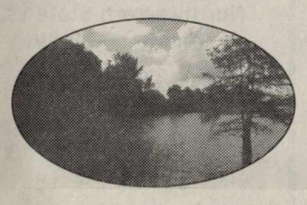


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— SOCCER —
Sun. vs. Okla. State — 1 p.m.
Wed. vs. Grambling — 7 p.m.



Patrick West

The Way I See It

NSU vs. Tulane

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College Football is here once again, and I am thanking the Football Gods. The Demons opened up their season Saturday against Jackson State with a win. Overall, I give the Demons a solid B grade.

The Purple Swarm Defense looked to be in top form, shutting down Jackson State and never allowing them to reach midfield until the end of the fourth quarter. The offense, however, didn't look so great. NSU ran the ball effectively but could not catch a pass to save their lives.

Coach Stoker needs to watch the movie The Replacements. In this little football movie Gene Hackman puts a glue substance on his receiver's hands. After several dropped passes Coach Stoker might want to use this tactic for the next game.

Looking ahead to Tulane, we need to play better on offense. Tulane did lose Monday night to a tough TCU team. NSU did upset TCU two seasons ago, but the Demons have not played Tulane in 63 years with the Green Wave leading the series 5-0.

Watching the TCU-Tulane game on ESPN showed that Tulane does have a weakness. The Purple Swarm Defense will have to put a lot of pressure on J.P. Losman, who is on the Davey O' Brien Watch List as top quarterback in the nation. Also, the Purple Swarm will have to stop top running back Mewelde Moore, who is up for the Walter Camp Award and the Doak Walker Award. The Walter Camp Award is for Player of the Year honors and the Doak Walker is for top running back in the nation.

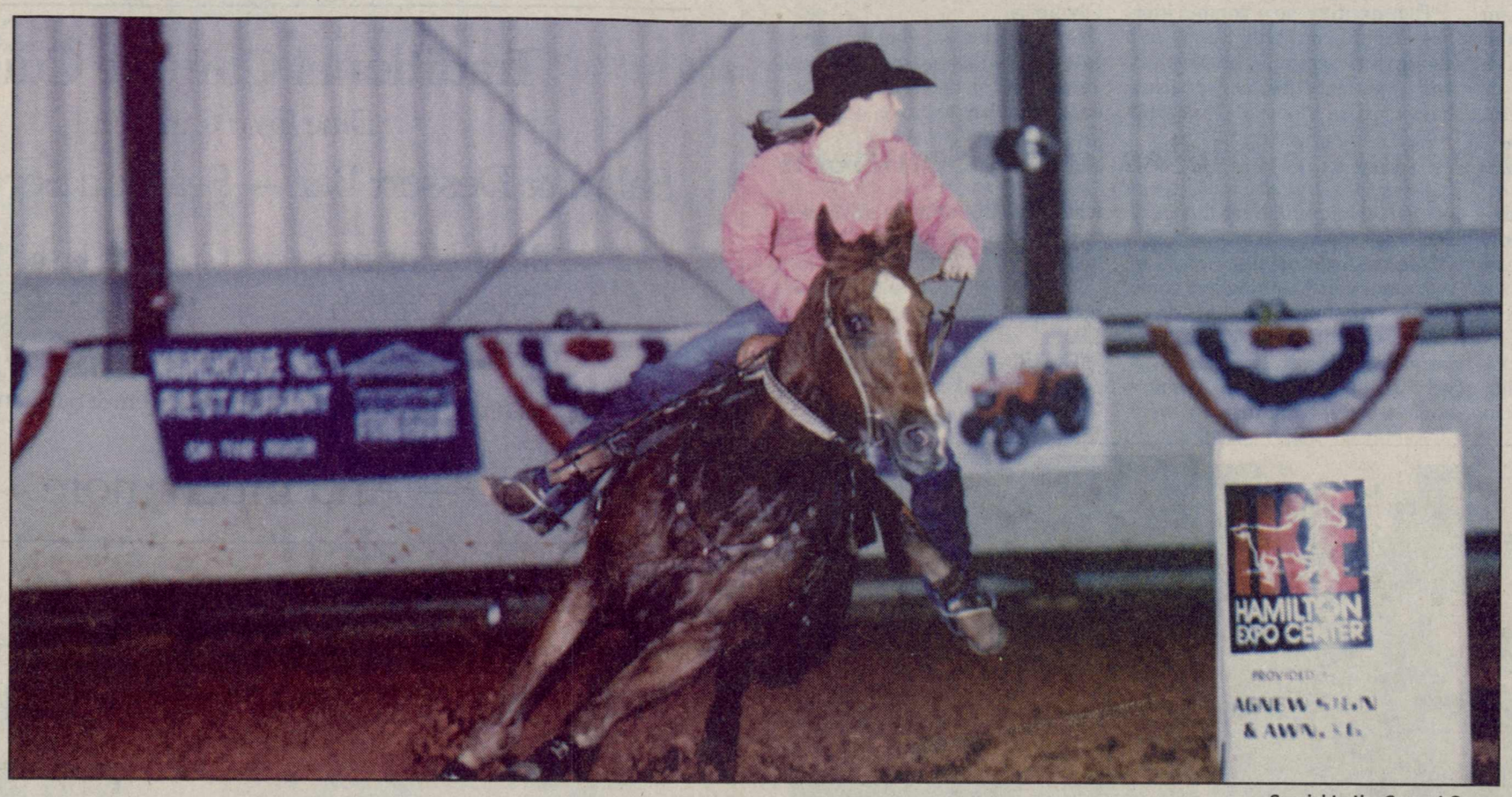
NSU has the talent and the tools to pull off an upset this weekend. If the defense can put pressure on Losman and create turnovers then the Demons are in business. However, if NSU gives Losman enough time with the West Coast offense, the Green Wave run will rack up some yards on the Demons. Also, NSU must run the ball effectively. The Demons need to pound the ball in with Sampson, and hit them on the outside with Johnese. The receivers must *catch*! No dropped passes this game unless it is a valid reason.

One more thing: how come when NSU heads down to New Orleans they have to play in a high school stadium? Are the Demons not good enough for the Superdome?

In other college football this weekend the big surprise was the USC domination of Auburn. Auburn in my opinion was overrated and USC underrated. The Heisman candidate that had the best Saturday in my opinion was Philip Rivers. Rivers went 26 of 30 for 320 yards and 3 TDs. Rivers or John Navarre are my picks to win the Heisman.

This weekend, students, head down to the Big Easy and watch the Demons upset Tulane; you never know what will happen.

Ride 'em, cowgirl!



Special to the Current Sauce

Jehnna Alexander competes at a rodeo in West Monroe in early February. Alexander was nationally ranked in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association throughout the year.

Nationally-ranked Alexander, Rodeo Team ready to compete

By Callie Reames
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About 10 minutes south of campus, there is a small cluster of house trailers surrounded by green pastures and dozens of grazing horses. On the left side of the gravel drive a tin building surrounds horse stalls and a dirt arena. There, some members of the NSU Rodeo Team live a minute's walk from the horses they work with daily.

Jehnna Alexander is one of those members, and her horse, Quincy, is one of those horses.

Alexander is a sophomore nursing major from Stonewall, Louisiana and has competed in rodeos since she was nine years old. The years of practice and riding paid off on the collegiate level this past year when Alexander earned the opportunity to compete regionally in barrel racing.

Alexander was nationally ranked in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association throughout the year.

"You have 10 rodeos per year, and the top 11 go to Nationals," she said about the competitors.

Alexander finished two places shy of 11th in the regional competition, which would have propelled her and her horse to the next level.

Alexander did win the Texas A&M Rodeo last year. The competition was Texas-sized, and success was earned through hours of training.

"I won a belt buckle and about $600," Alexander said. "It was pretty cool as a freshman. Not a lot of freshmen place at rodeos. Not a lot go to regionals."

Alexander's family has been very supportive of her interest in rodeo competitions. The financial responsibilities associated with taking care of a horse can be daunting without assistance. Her parents, in particular, have helped her a lot.

"They pay for me to live out here. They pay for my stall rent here," Alexander said. "They pay my diesel, entry fees, feed…vet bills."

Members of the Rodeo team do not have to live by the horses, but Alexander said it helps.

Alexander feeds and exercises her horses' everyday. The practice might consist of a barrel race run, or weaving in and out of poles set up in the arena.

"I sometimes just run them in the pasture," Alexander said.

As for Alexander's physical training, she does not work out to prepare for the competitions. She goes through the routine of a race with her horse, and the only physical demands are being mentally alert and holding on.

Before a race begins, as Alexander sits on her horse waiting just outside the arena gate, she goes through a mental exercise to make sure she is ready.

"It's funny. This is what my mom makes me do. I visualize my run," Alexander said. Her mom played basketball in high school and would visualize making a shot. Alexander does the same.

"I kind of sit there and picture it in my head. I pray right before. I pray right before I drive now too."

Last May, Alexander was driving back from a competition in Marshall, Texas when a drunk driver slammed into the horse trailer she was hauling.

"Quincy was banged up but not seriously injured," Alexander said. The trailer, however, was totaled.

"My grandpa just bought me my new trailer," Alexander said. "My grandma bought the stuff to decorate it." That is another example of her family's support.

"I've fallen a couple of times. I've broken bones falling off a horse," Alexander said. Now her rodeoing fears are related to driving and not riding horses.

Alexander said barrel racing in rodeos has been personally rewarding because it is an individual accomplishment.

"I was the only one out there on the horse doing it," Alexander said. Through the years barrel racing remained the same solitary event for her, but the organizations she was a part of were all different.

Alexander has been a part of Pinewoods Youth Rodeo Association and Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association. The rodeo team at NSU is small in comparison.

"We're kind of close knit," Alexander said. "Here we travel together. We pretty much all get along."

There are about six people competing on the rodeo team. When NSU had an agriculture program back in the 1970s, the team was much more popular.

"NSU used to be the school to come to rodeo," Alexander said. When the Agriculture program left so did the Ag. majors, who mostly made up the rodeo team.

The rodeo team is preparing for an upcoming rodeo in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, in which Alexander will barrel race. The Northeast Texas Community College Rodeo is the first of 10 rodeos the team will compete in this year.

Football cruises past Jackson State

By Brent Holloway
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From the moment they ran onto the field in front of 12,320 fans at Turpin Stadium to begin the 2003 season, the Demons and the revamped Purple Swarm defense were in complete control. Featuring a bruising ground game and a defense that turned in one of the most dominating performances in recent memory, the Demons toppled visiting Jackson State, 23 – 7.

The Northwestern State defense was definitely the story Saturday night in Natchitoches. With 8 new starters taking the field and facing a Jackson State offense that put up nearly 500 yards per game in 2002, the young, fast Demon squad frustrated the Tigers all night, limiting their opponents high-powered attack to just 165 yards of total offense.

The final score and even the statistics do not paint a true picture of just how well the defense played. Head Coach Scott Stoker and the NSU coaching staff used numerous variations of the 4-2-5 scheme, blitzing linebackers, corners, and safeties. Jackson State was unable to penetrate beyond the Demon 49 yard line until just over a minute left in the 4th quarter when the Tigers avoided a shut out by scoring with only 10.7 seconds remaining to play.

The Northwestern State special teams and ball control-style offense looked potent throughout the game. The running game, once again spear-headed by tailbacks Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson, racked up 225 yards, with Johnese contributing 112 yards on just 12 carries. Wide receiver/ kick and punt returner Toby Ziegler added 150 yards on seven punts and one kickoff return. The kicking game was also solid with Tommy Hebert going 3-3 in field goal attempts and punter Chris Stegall pinning JSU inside the 20-yard line twice.

Quarterback Davon Vinson finished 10-22 with 79 yards passing and 31 yards rushing played the whole game. Quarterback Ryan Ashley sat the game out due to a minor shoulder injury. The passing game was one of the few weaknesses that was spotted in the opener, but Vinson does not deserve the blame. The Demon receiving corps, which features two freshmen in the absence of injured Prentis West, looked to suffer from a case of opening night jitters.



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Quarterback Davon Vinson tiptoes down the sideline for a couple of yards while being pursued by a Jackson State player. Vinson, a Baylor transfer, had 31 yards rushing and 10 of 22 passes completed in the win.

"We'll evaluate Ryan; see how he's feeling. Davon played well, we've just got to catch the ball." Coach Stoker said.

Ashley has been cleared to play Saturday night and will see some snaps. Vinson will get the starting job with Lewis getting a chance to play.

Stoker knows his young squad will have their hands full this week as they head to New Orleans to take on the Division I-A Tulane. The Green Wave offense, which features highly touted quarterback, J.P. Losman will be another challenge for the Purple Swarm defense of Northwestern. However, Northwestern State's inconsistencies were on Stoker's mind after the game.

"We need to eliminate penalties and mistakes, so we can establish a better rhythm on offense." Stoker said.

Northwestern State has 8 wins in 22 tries against I-A foes. The last time the Demons toppled a I-A foe was TCU in 2001 beating the Horned Frogs 27-24. Last season NSU was beaten by Georgia 45-7, the worst loss for NSU against a I-A opponent.

The Demons have not faced the Green Wave in 60 years with Tulane leading the series 5-0.

The Demons are ranked No. 18 in the Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll after beating Jackson State. This weekend the Demons will face off against Tulane at Tad Gormley Stadium at 7 p.m. in New Orleans.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (0-2)
Mercer Tournament

Aug. 31, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Georgia Southern (2-0)
(Game 1)

NSU 0-GAS 2

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	0	0
GAS	0	2	2

Key Player:
Stephanie Miller
seven shots on goal
Sophomore midfielder

Aug. 29, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Mercer (1-0)

NSU 0-MER 1

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	0	0
MER	0	1	1

NSU Volleyball (1-3)
ASU Tournament

Key Player:
Latoya Sanders
hit .550 & 13 kills
Freshman player

Aug. 30, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Tennessee-Martin

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Scor
NSU	30	26	30	30	3
TN-M	20	30	24	18	1

Northwestern State vs. Eastern Kentucky (1-2)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
NSU	27	33	32	22	13	2
EKY	30	31	30	30	15	3

Aug. 30, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Arkansas State

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	24	19	30	15	1
ASU	30	30	24	30	3

Northwestern State vs. Arkansas-Little Rock

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	31	30	28	24	9	2
ALR	29	26	30	30	15	3

This Just In

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SOCCER

Soccer home opener this Sunday

Oklahoma State provides the Northwestern State Demon soccer team, bidding for its third NCAA Tournament appearance in four years, with a high-profile opponent for Sunday afternoon's home opener.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at the Demon Soccer Complex, located behind the Walter Ledet Track Complex on the NSU campus.

Oklahoma State will enter Sunday's game with a 2-0 record after shutout wins over Western Kentucky (4-0) and Arkansas-Little Rock (4-0). The Cowgirls were set to play at Sam Houston State on Friday.

The Demons are coming off back-to-back shutout losses at the Mercer Tournament, losing 1-0 to Mercer in the final minutes of the first match then dropping a 2-0 decision to Georgia Southern in Sunday's finale.

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Correction and retraction

Sauce columns inaccurate, misrepresentative

Two columns printed in the Sept. 4 issue of *the Current Sauce* contained serious inaccuracies and grossly misrepresented the roles, responsibilities and knowledge of several NSU faculty members.

The columns, written by *Sauce* advertising sales representative Edward L. Boudreaux III and *Sauce* editor in chief Garrett Guillotte, discussed the decision to remove a poem written by Andrew David from the 2003 *Argus*, a campus literature and art magazine, by that editon's editor, Glenn Ward.

After hearing complaints from NSU faculty and students, and after investigating these complaints, *the Current Sauce* has learned:

• Julie Kane, adviser for the *Argus*, was not up for tenure, nor did she earn tenure last year, as claimed in Boudreaux's column. *The Sauce* also does not have any proof supporting Boudreaux's implied connection between the role and performance of any organization's adviser and any administrative decision to award tenure to faculty.

• Ward sought and received advice on the decision from Kane, English Department Head Joesph "Rocky" Colavito, and several members of the administration. Ward was responsible for making all editorial decisions for the *Argus*, and he decided to seek advice from these faculty members, who had no direct authority to remove Ward from the position or alter the content of the *Argus* themselves.

• All claims that any member of the University's faculty or staff pressured Ward into making any decision were unfounded.

• Ward also sought and received advice from more student and off-campus organizations than were listed in both columns.

• Boudreaux's column misrepresented Kane's knowledge of poet Allen Ginsberg. Boudreaux's column made unsubstantiated claims that Kane gave inaccurate information in class.

• Guillotte's claim that most students at NSU did not know of the *Argus*' existence was unfounded.

In addition to these inaccuracies, *the Sauce* did not fully disclose the personal relationships between Boudreaux, David and Ward, including Boudreaux's work as a member of the *Argus* paid support staff and his previous residence with Ward. Nor did *the Sauce* fully disclose the friendship between Guillotte and Ward, Guillotte's uncredited support work with *the Argus* and Guillotte's previous work with Kane as part of a spring 2003 poetry class.

Our apology and new editorial policies

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What's Current?

NEWS

Nicholls State turns to online SGA elections; Northwestern State leery of following suit

Thibodaux-based Nicholls State University's Student Government Association announced last week that it is making its elections exclusively online, abandoning paper ballots and voting booths completely.

However, Northwestern State's SGA president said he was wary of the security issues associated with such a system, and that there were few plans to implement such a system here in the near future.

Full story online at **www.currentsauce.com**

SPORTS

NSU soccer tops Grambling, nets first win of season

NSU scored early and often Wednesday afternoon, defeating Grambling 5-0 to pick up their first win of the season.

The Demons (1-3) held a 4-0 first half lead headed by senior Hillarie Marshall's two goals. Freshmen Mya Walsh and Marliese Latiolais each scored a goal in the first half – their first collegiate goals of their short career.

The Demons scored one goal in the second half on freshman Hailey Ellis' first goal of her career.

The Demons return home on Friday when they host Louisiana-Lafayette at the Demon Soccer Field. Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m.

More NSU soccer news on **page 7**

What's Updated?

NEWS

Admissions, New Student Programs merge and move

The NSU Admissions office has been moved from Roy Hall to South Hall, which is across the street from Turpin Stadium.

The office is now called University Recruiting and New Student Programs.

University Recruiting will now focus on recruiting high school seniors, transfer graduates, and prospects for the Louisiana Scholars' College. For general admission questions and concerns students can still go to the Registrar's Office in Roy Hall.

April Jordan, the assistant director of university recruiting for high schools, is very excited about the move to South Hall.

"We're happy to be here. There is more space, so it helps us serve our students better and give each more personal attention. It's better all around."

Alleigha Goodman

WORLD NEWS

New tape calls on Islamic extremists to 'bury' U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (KRT Campus) — Arabic-language satellite TV channel Al Jazeera broadcast a new videotape of Osama bin Laden along with an audiotape, apparently from his top aide, exhorting Islamic extremists to "pounce" on U.S. troops and "bury them in Iraq's graveyard."

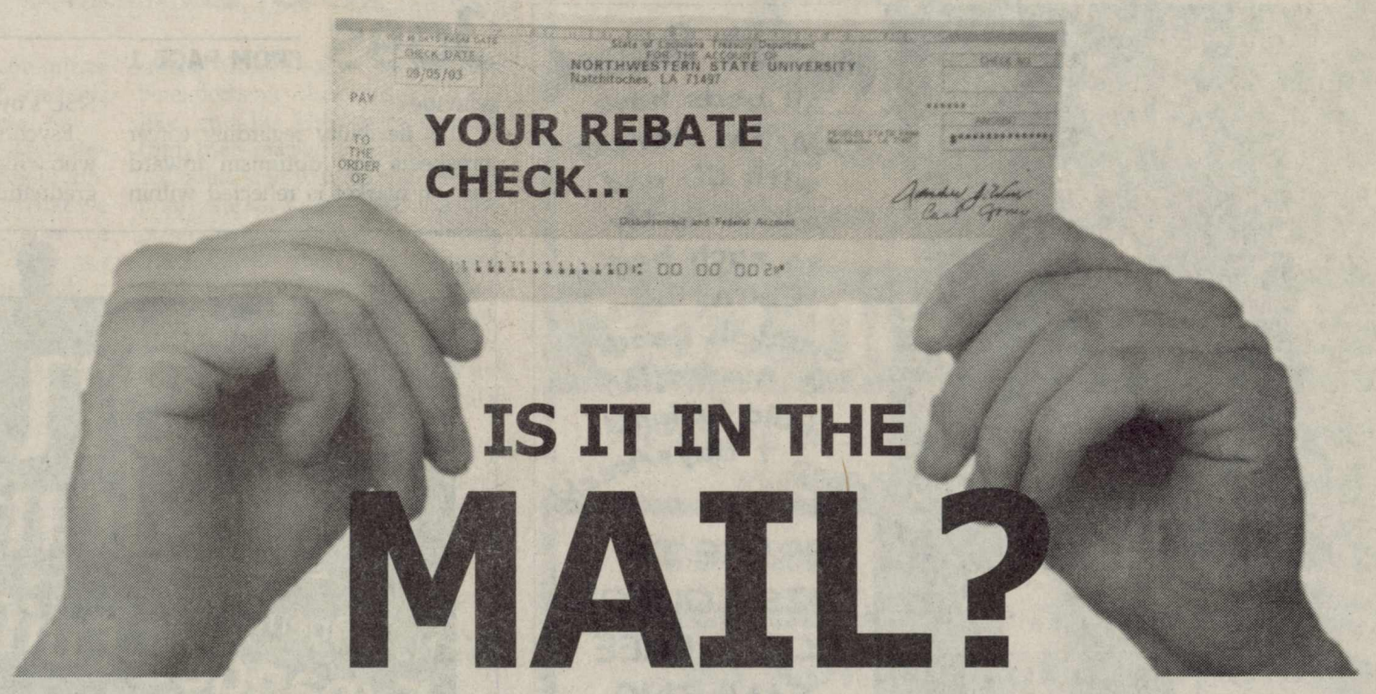
Al Jazeera, which is based in the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar, aired the tape on Wednesday, the eve of the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Some U.S. officials feared that the recordings might be a signal to al-Qaida terrorists to proceed with strikes that would coincide with the anniversary.

What's Next Week?



Cool jobs, NSU alums

Meet a grad whose photos helped land a woman into Playboy's centerfold



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For students expecting refund checks from the University, one may already be on its way.

Misti Chelette, director for the office of student financial aid, said that the initial refund checks for the fall semester were issued last Friday.

"We check refunds every night until the bulk of financial aid has come in," Chelette said. For the rest of the semester, we check refunds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and issue checks as they come in."

Chelette said that funds are credited to the student within a few days after NSU receives the money. If any student has any aid exceeding her outstanding balance, that money is then refunded to the students.

Chelette offered many reasons as to why certain financial aid can arrive later than originally expected.

Chelette said that before a student's refund check can be delivered, the University must first allocate enough money to pay off that student's tuition and other fees. If a student receives more than one type of financial aid, then the first aid to arrive will be credited toward tuition, even if that first money is a loan. Any succeeding money is applied to any remaining balance, and the rest is refunded to the student Chellette said.

Because most financial aid is dependent on a student's enrollment in a prescribed number of hours, no money can be awarded or refunded until the deadline to resign from or add a class has passed.

According to Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance policy, the University cannot request money from the state for tuition until the 14th day of class. Payment is then made to the University from LOSFA within 10 days after the reception and processing of the information sent by the school.

However, freshman and first time borrowers must wait 30 days after school starts before the student's account can be updated. Also, students who applied for a loan past the deadline can expect to receive their checks later in the semester.

"If a student shows up at fee payment with their financial aid application, it can take 30 days to complete verification of financial aid information if the student is selected for verification. Then, we have three days to process loan proceeds," Chelette said.

Checking up on your check

Finding info on a rebate

- Check the "Account Summary" in your www2.nsula.edu account. If the University owes you money, this page will tell you if a refund check has been processed or not.
- Checks take at least one or two weeks to reach students. If you think your check is late, contact the Scholarship Office (for aid money from scholarships), the Financial Aid Office (for non-scholarship aid money), or the Student Accounting section of the Business Affairs Office (for non-aid refunds).

Sources: NSU Student Handbook, www.nsula.edu/financialaid/refunds.htm

Blanco stomps at NSU

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Louisiana Lt. Governor and gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Blanco visited NSU's campus Sept. 4 to address the College of Education faculty and staff and University administration, and to meet students.

Blanco's main concern at Thursday's visit was to emphasize how she feels about Louisiana's education system.

"Education is my number one priority and will remain my number one priority until the end of my life as well as remain that way, if elected, through my tenure as governor," Blanco told those attending her morning address.

Blanco said students in Louisiana leave the state to attend school because Louisiana does not provide enough opportunity for students to keep them in state. Blanco said most students never return to Louisiana.

"I will work hard to create new opportunities so our kids can come home again," Blanco said.

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Absences kill another SGA meeting

President, senate speaker, senator skip meeting for fraternity obligations

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The Student Government Association met Monday but were one member short fo the number needed to do business and pass legislation.

SGA President Greg Comeaux and two voting members, Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam and Senator Chad Black, were absent due to fraternity obligations. Senator Kayla Brossett was absent for an unknown reason.

Because these absences made up more than a third of the active SGA, this week's business was postponed until next week's meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Among the business that was postponed was approval of the SGA budget presented by SGA Treasurer Edward "Beau" Boudreaux III and a bill proposing that $400 be set aside for organizational grants.

Despite these delays, the individual committees have been busy proposing new ideas for future legislation.

At the Monday meeting the Academic Affairs Committee announced its three choices for distinguished speaker: human cloning advocate Dr. Panos Zanos, and former presidential candidates Ralph Nader and Alan Keyes.

The Wellness Center Oversight Committee held its first meeting Wednesday. This committee will be in charge of developing guidelines for the new Wellness Center that is set to open Fall 2004.

The committee will be working with the new associate director of student activities for wellness recreational and intramural sports, Patric DuBois, to create these guidelines.

"We will be reviewing policies from different schools' Wellness Centers and eventually develop our own," said Senator Keith Gates, the committee's chair.

At a special SGA meeting on Sept. 4, Geoff Clegg, a graduate student of English, was appointed and sworn into the Senate.

SGA Vice President Scott Manguno said that Clegg is the first graduate student to serve on the Senate in a long time.

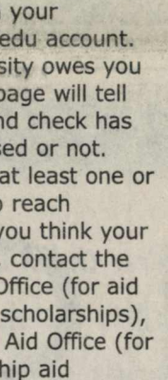
The SGA is also exploring options to provide daily national newspapers to students.

SGA 2003

Elections set for Wednesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 18

For elections story and list of nominees and candidates, see **page 2**

Already elected: Juniors Kelli Miller and Craig Desoto won senate seats due to a lack of candidates.



Study: Job chances for grads improving

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A study recently released by WebFeet, Inc., a leading provider of student job market research, indicates that the employment market for college graduates is steadily improving.

According to the new study, the rise in employment opportunities has been influenced by both the high standards of employers and the shifting priorities of college graduates. Companies are hiring applicants with degrees from accredited universities, and students have both lowered their salary and compensation expectations and expanded their job search

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NOAA WEEKEND FORECAST

Friday
40% chance of rain, t-storms
85°/68°

Saturday
50% chance of rain, t-storms
82°/68°

Sunday
Expect showers, thunderstorms
85°/68°

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Exclusively online this week:
Online elections at Nicholls State, and why they may not happen at Northwestern

SGA ballot ready for Wednesday elections

By Kyle Shirley
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Campus elections for Student Government Association senators, Homecoming Honor Court, and Mr. and Miss NSU will be held Sept. 17-18 until 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union.

Director of Student Affairs Carl Henry said there are currently eight SGA Senators, and 15 more will be elected. Those 15 will be comprised of three senators from each class as well as three graduate students, said Henry.

SGA President Greg Comeaux said that elections are one week earlier this year due to the Louisiana Gubernatorial Election. The voting machines used by NSU will be needed for absentee voting starting Sept. 22 and for primaries on Oct. 4.

The SGA Constitution's election code states that elections must be held within the first five weeks of school. Therefore, the elections had to be moved up rather than postponed, said Comeaux.

Comeaux also said that last fall's voter turnout of about 700 was average, and that most publicity for the event comes from the students seeking office. He expects a similar turnout for this election.

Comeaux also expressed his desire to build a strong and unified senate.

"A few years ago, the Senate was everyone working together. It was student government, not student politics, and that's what it's turned into," said Comeaux. "It needs to go back to, 'Let's stop arguing amongst ourselves and get stuff done.'"

Filings for the election closed yesterday at 4:30 p.m.

Student Senate

Freshmen
Sara Burling
T. Hunter Landry
Jeremy Owens
Darious Porter
Candace Ray
Luke Sayes
Shantel Wempren

Sophomores
John Fontenot
Joshua Howell
Fred Kuechenmeister
Jerry Whorton

Seniors
Buster Carlisle
Christopher Faust
Patrick Feller
Dustin Floyd
Andrew Halford
Trevor Holland

Honor Court

Women
Jennifer Adams
Danyelle Andrews
Avia Angelle
Kim Bayma
Nealy Beach
Aimee Bobo
Jessica Breaux
Abby Brocato
Taryn Ebarb
Haley Lucky Errington
Carrie Guillory
Elizabeth Hughes
Mindy McConnell
Katie McKellar
Danielle Mitchell
Kattina Raymond
Megan Sebastian
Laura Terrell
Donyelle Tucker
Sarah Vitale
Amy Wakefield
Terrica Wallace
Kalprina Williams

Men
Lamar Bryant
Greg Comeaux
Craig Coutee
Derek Fletcher
Chris Henry
James Jamison
Michael Johnson
Thorn LaCaze
Richard Lynch
Dustin Matthews
Klient Newer
Zach Pulliam
Travis Reams
Devin Steward
Geoff Taylor
Ryan Terry
David Williams
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Travis Williams

Mr. NSU
Michael Johnson
Scott Manguno
Dustin Matthews
David Williams
Travis Williams

Miss NSU
Nealy Beach
Jessica Breaux
Danielle Mitchell
Terrica Wallace
Briony Williams

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activities.

This flexibility regarding career prospects and optimism toward the job market is reflected within NSU's own graduating seniors.

Psychology major Julie Freyou, who will pursue her doctorate after graduating in the Spring, is hoping for a salary within the $45,00 $50,000 range. She said that this fig ure is lower than those statisticall projected for Ph.D.-holding profes sionals in her field. Furthermor she said she would settle for eve less money so long as there was th possibility for future raises.

Likewise, music major Jo Naquin and English major Ma Shelton, both of whom graduat this Fall, also said that they expe low starting salaries that hav potential for increase.

Freyou, Naquin and Shelton ar all confident of landing the career that they want, but competition i their fields keeps them anxious.

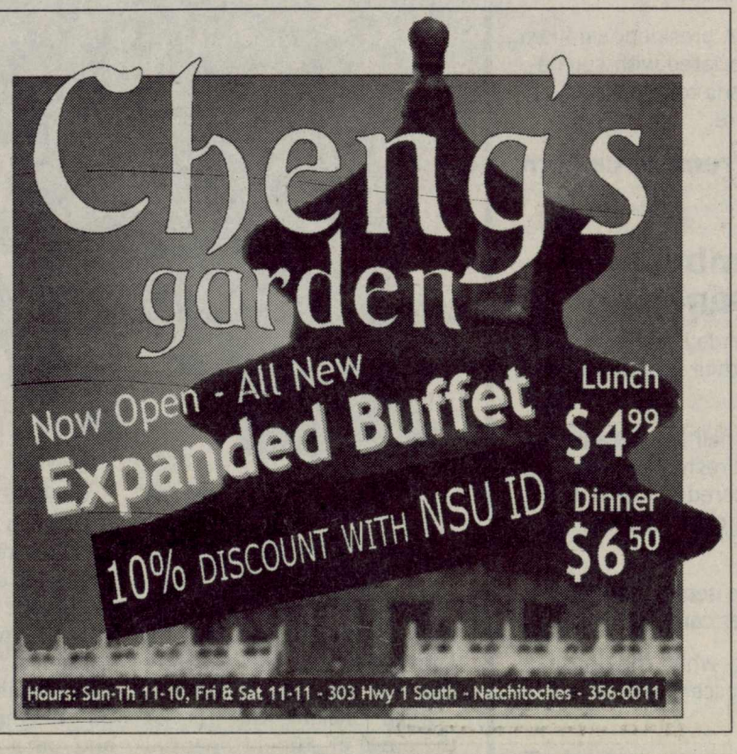
"A lot of managers don't have degree of any sort," Naquin said "and I will."

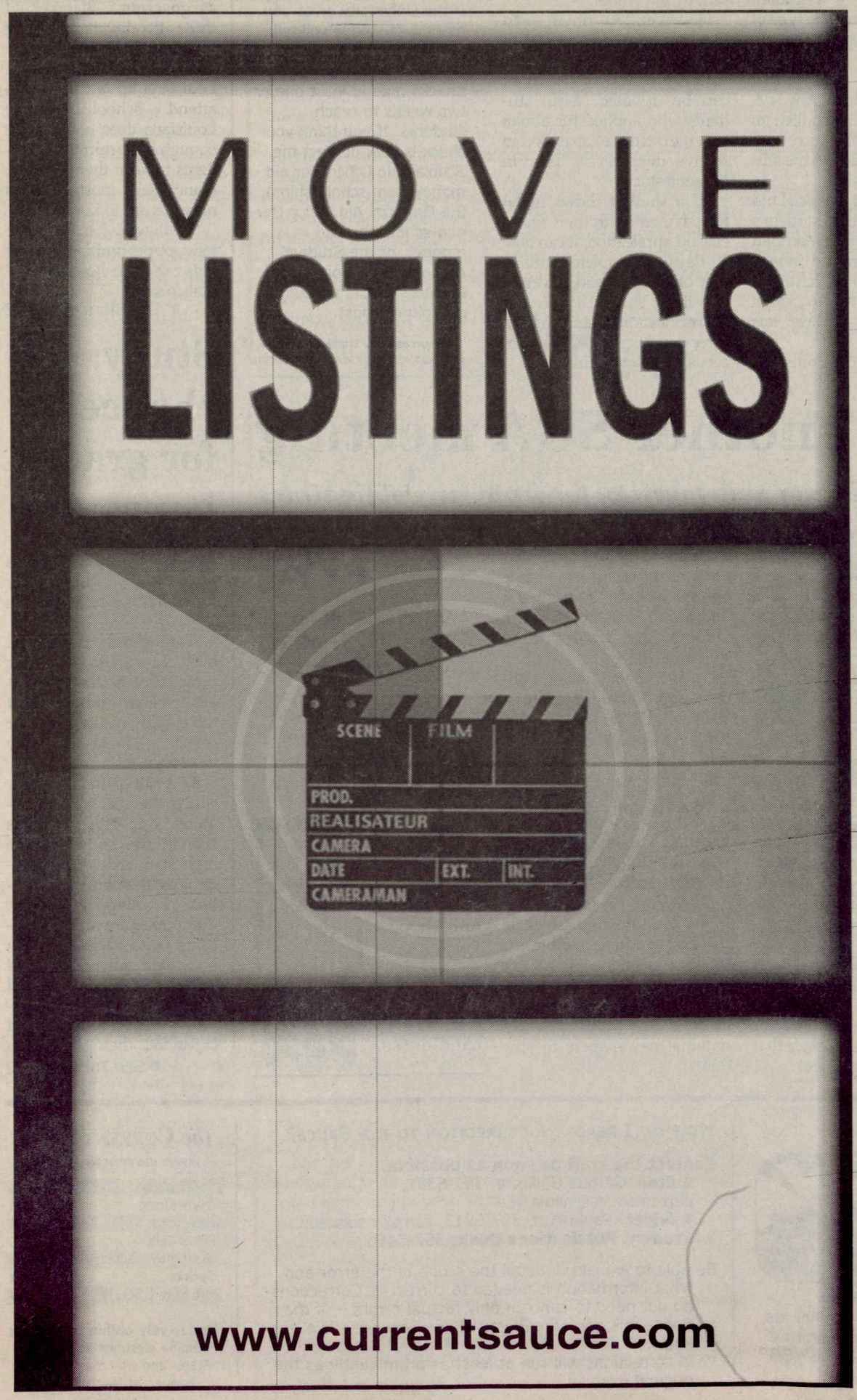
Shelton said that students ar ultimately responsible for distin guishing themselves and for estab lishing their own career paths.

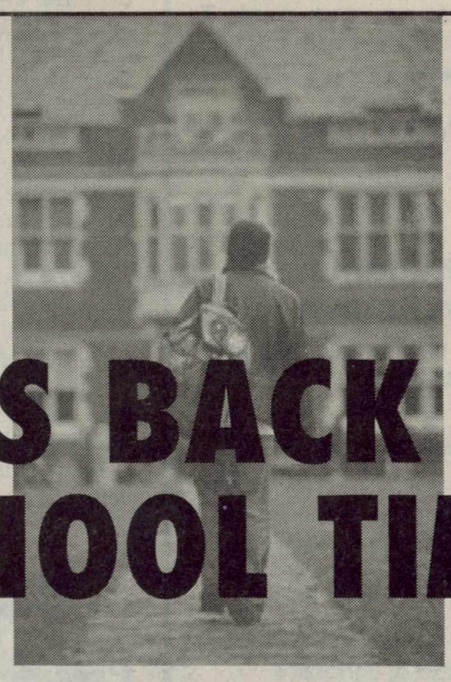
"The teachers here can onl show you a door," Shelton said "What will give me an edge ove other students is just how muc work I'm willing to put into th field."

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Blanco said that a better education system can improve the standards of living in Louisiana.

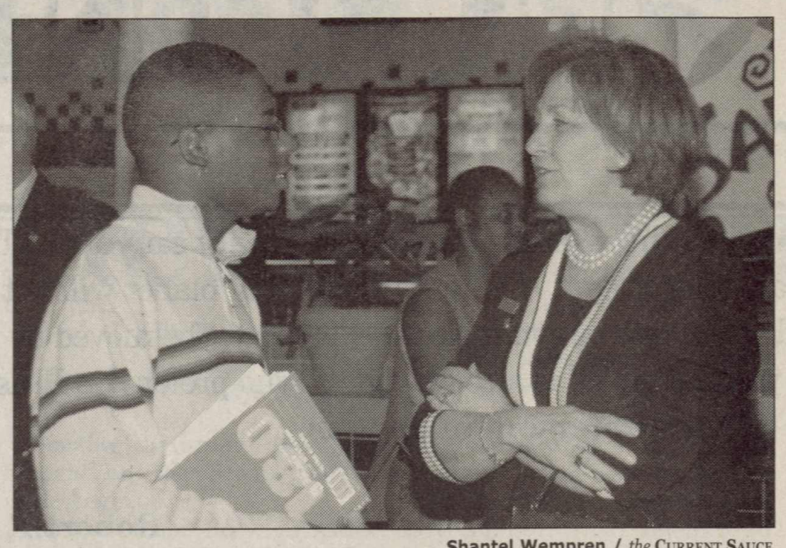
"Building a quality public education system will help us provide jobs and opportunity," Blanco said.

Blanco said her plans to improve education include support for teacher accountability measures, more technology in classrooms-especially for middle schools, and to provide more funding to universities.

Blanco was invited to visit the NSU and the College of Education in order to allow her to see what the university has to offer in the way of teacher education and training.

John Tollett, Dean of the College of Education said, "Specifically we hope she (Blanco) will identify with the teacher program here at NSU as a leader in teacher education, and that she will support the program."

Cathy Seymour, staff member at the College of Education, said, "We want to meet the folks running for governor and see what their plans are for the university system in Louisiana."



Shantel Wempren / *the* CURRENT SAUCE

NSU student Trinity George chats with state lieutenant governor and gubenatorial candidate Kathleen Blanco in Vic's cafeteria on Sept. 4.

"I was just meeting with President Webb, and he showed me the level of funding for the campus," Blanco said, "and I hope to work with him further to get the proper funding for the campus."

NSU looks at privatized dorms

By Elaine Broussard
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The University, with the assistance of hired consultants, will prepare a new plan for housing which may include private dorm management.

Director of Student Services Frances Conine said that the University will be signing a contract with Anderson Strickler, a consulting company in Washington D.C.

"They are helping us prepare a long term plan for housing for the Natchitoches campus of Northwestern State University that will determine what our needs are," Conine said.

Conine said she expects that part of the plan will be a proposal to request that private vendors come on campus and build new housing.

"However, will we bring in a company to help us manage the existing residence halls? This is one of the many questions we will be asking," Conine said.

The development of the housing plan will include market research, student surveys, and committee meetings of faculty, staff, students and community members.

"We want to find out what students want, what kind of new construction we might need, what we might need to take out, how we would finance it, and how we would manage it," Conine said.

NSU currently cooperates with several private companies that provide student services including the bookstore, food service, custodial services, and housing in the University Columns.

"We've had really good experiences with our partners. The University and students benefit greatly from our private contracts," Conine said. "They tend to be experts on what students really like, and the University benefits from their market research."

Conine said that another benefit of private services is that large corporations tend to get things done much quicker than state organizations, because there is less paperwork and fewer procedures. However, she strongly emphasized that all private services are still bound strictly by state regulations.

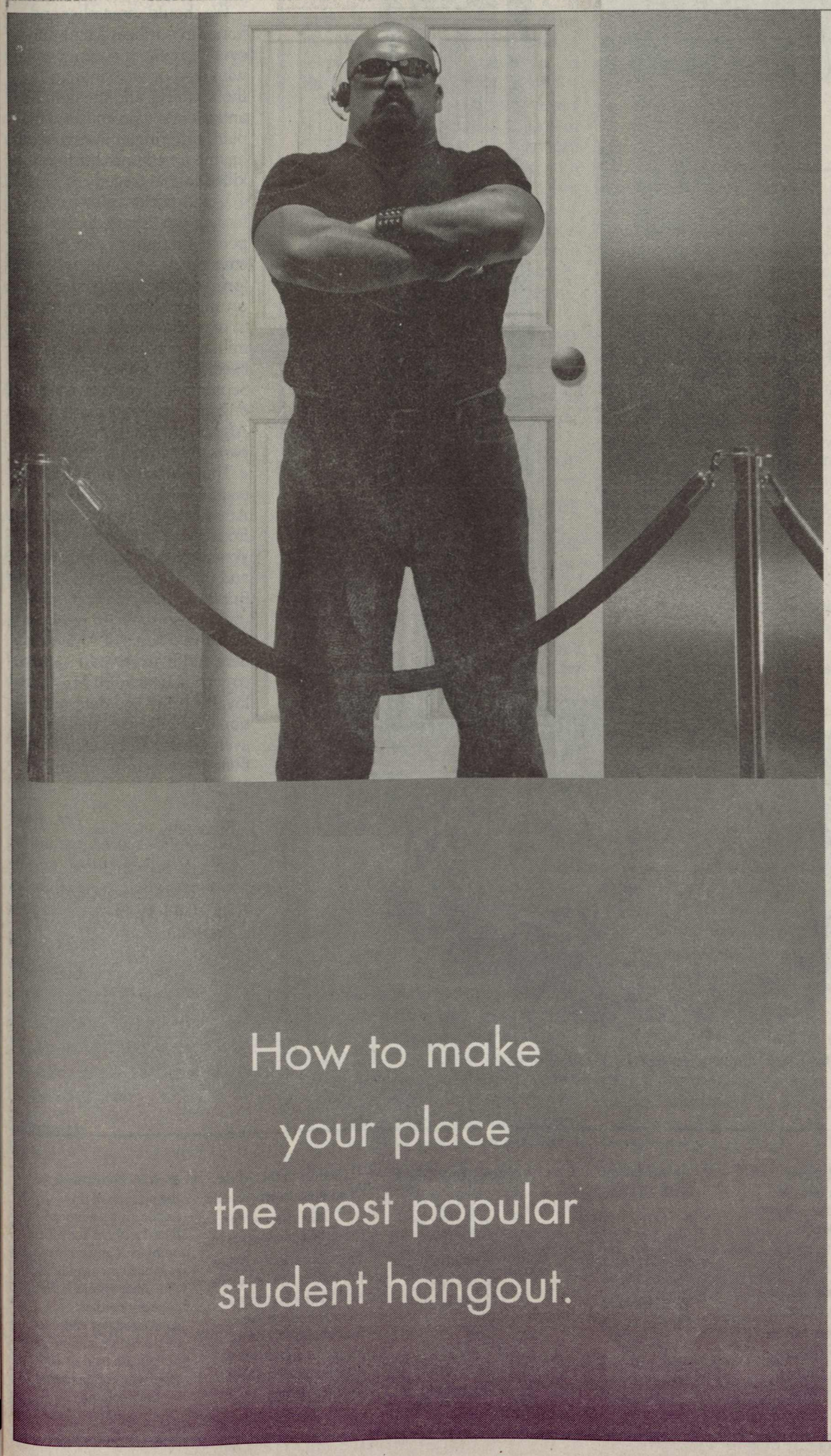
Anderson Strickler has developed housing plans for a large number of universities in the country including LSU and Tulane.

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Editorial

An apology for violating your trust



Garrett Guillotte
Editor in Chief

On Friday morning, the day after our first issue of the semester hit the racks across campus, I posted an open letter onto many of our distribution points and several buildings' bulletin boards.

The first portion of the letter addressed just part of the issues that make up the topmost part of this week's front page: what was wrong in the opinion columns written by myself and by Edward L. "Beau" Boudreaux III.

The rest of letter read as follows:

"These actions and inactions represent a betrayal to you, our readers, of a scale that I have not seen in my three years of work with this newspaper. I personally apologize, on behalf of and also to *the Sauce*'s staff, and will apologize in person to anyone who requests it. My contact information is listed below.

In addition, *the Sauce*:

• will form and implement an Editorial Board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, section editors, copy editor, photo editor and business manager, for the review of all columns, editorials and letters to the editor,

• will devote the Opinions page of (this) week's issue not to a discussion of Sept. 11 as previously planned, but to responses from students, staff members and faculty,

• will not publish or archive Mr. Boudreaux's column on *the Current Sauce*'s Web site,

• will not print another column submitted by Mr. Boudreaux unless it is first thoroughly reviewed by the Editorial Board over a period of no less than two weeks,

• will not print another column submitted by any student or faculty member unless it is first thoroughly reviewed by the Editorial Board over a period of no less than one week.

Again, I apologize to all readers of *the Sauce*. This terrible lapse of judgement, betrayal of trust and complete breakdown of communication represent everything I wanted to avoid this year, and the damage to *the Sauce*'s reputation that Mr. Boudreaux has caused, and that I have caused for allowing Mr. Boudreaux's column to be printed, may never be fully repaired."

Since then, *the Sauce* editorial board has met and established a policy of review for submitted columns and collaborative work for writing future topical editorials. The forum discussion on terror and Sept. 11, 2001, will be in next week's paper; *the Sauce* received only one e-mail that referred to the questionable columns at all, on Friday, from a professor who said he enjoyed seeing the debate.

When I met with University President Randall Webb on Monday, he said he hadn't even read the column. When he did, he wasn't too surprised at its business-as-usual content.

Why not? Because this is *the Current Sauce*. Because our audience — the students, faculty and staff of NSU, and the Natchitoches community — is accustomed to seeing columns that lashed out, often with little or no support or reason in our arguments, at people, situations, events or organizations on our Opinions page.

I cannot apologize enough for allowing this to happen, on my watch as editor, on the first issue of a tenure that I had hoped would reach out to faculty and students in new ways. The only thing more damning to me as editor than the damage my actions have done to *the Sauce*'s credibility is the realization of just how little credibility and respect this 90-year-old student newspaper has left with so many valuable members of the community it's supposed to serve.

But most of all, I cannot apologize enough to Julie Kane, to the *Argus* staff of last year, and to the *Argus* staff of this year. Dr. Kane is one of the most talented people I have ever had the immeasurable honor of working with and studying under, and the *Argus* is a treasure to the University with a value that could never be overestimated. I have tried to help the *Argus* grow, volunteering small bits of my time and knowledge to it over the last two years. But the ignorance, carelessness and insensitivity of just a couple hours' folly has wiped away any good I had ever done the *Argus*, and gave that jewel of a creative student outlet a tremendously undeserved and wretched introduction to the new members of the NSU student community.

All I can do, and all the staff of *the Sauce* can do, is try to rebuild the trust of our community by doing the best jobs we can as mere students of the journalistic craft. To Dr. Kane, English department head Dr. "Rocky" Colavito, and all *Argus* staff this year and last, please accept my apology and the responsibility I take for my actions.

Our answer is the world's hope; it is to rely on youth. The cruelties and obstacles of this swiftly changing planet will not yield to obsolete dogmas and outworn slogans. It cannot be moved by those who cling to a present which is already dying, who prefer **the illusion of security to the excitement of danger.**

Robert F. Kennedy
quoting Samuel Ullman,
June 6, 1966.

September 11

Emotions of 9/11 should not be forgotten

By Nigel Stark
The Seattle Times

Sept. 11, 2001, is burned into my memory. I didn't directly know anybody who died in the tragedy, but I knew people who knew victims. And I, like so many others, was emotionally affected.

Today marks the two-year anniversary. But to be honest, I had completely forgotten about the anniversary.

And that's part of the problem.

It seems the importance of Sept. 11 and its place in our recent history is waning. It's not completely forgotten, of course, but considering the enormity of the tragedy, the heartbreak has been pushed to the back of our collective memory.

I have been in classes where basic facts about 9-11, such as the number of people who died, have been forgotten. I have walked around Seattle and heard people mispronounce al-Qaida. I recently asked someone what anniversary takes place this week, and that person did not know.

To be exact, 3,016 people died in the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and aboard an airliner that crashed in Pennsylvania.

How can people forget this number? How can we forget this anniversary? As a society, we've begun to forget, and it's an utter shame.

A few days after 9-11, I was driving across an overpass with a friend when we saw that someone had draped a flag over the side for people to see from the freeway.

Unfortunately, the wind had caught the flag and wrapped it up around the pole. We couldn't just drive by with it wrapped like that, so we stopped and straightened it.

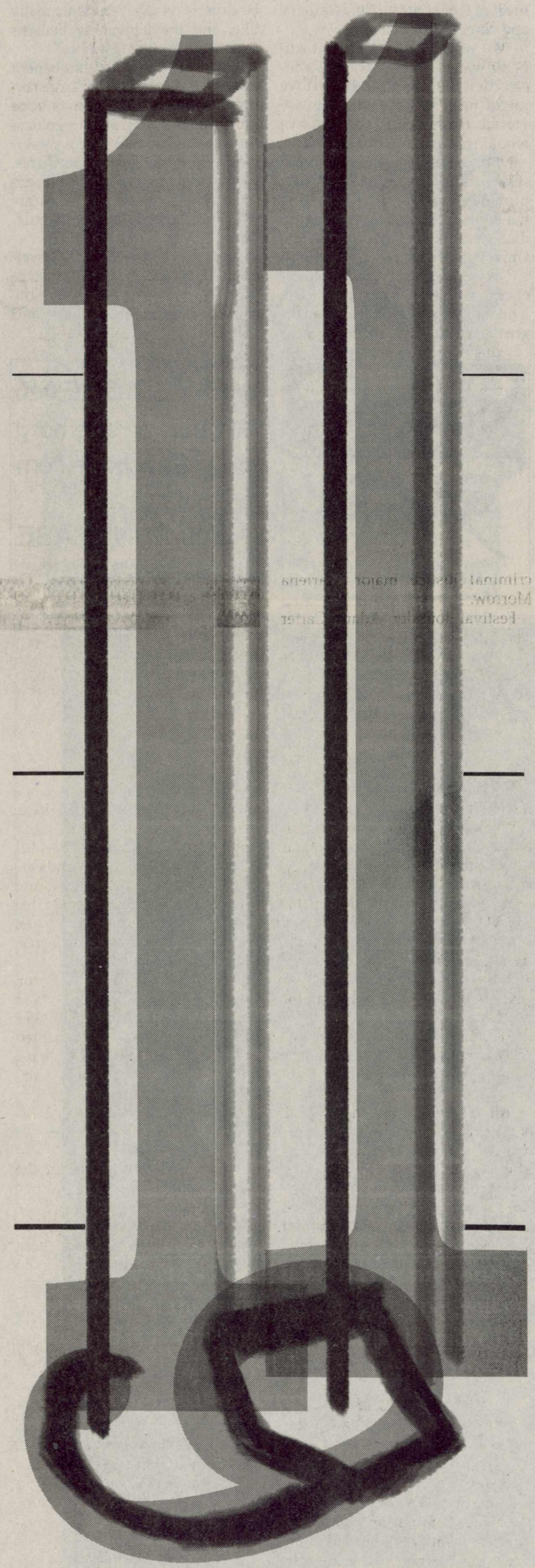
Such a simple act, yet such a patriotic and proud moment of my life. It was something I could actually do. There are thousands of these stories across the country and each conveys the strong emotion of that day and days to follow.

But we are forgetting about them.

Our schools, churches and community groups must teach about 9-11 in-depth — the emotion, the immensity and the importance of that day.

On this second anniversary, nobody will forget 9-11. But it's not this day I'm worried about; it is the cold day in January or the lazy day in July. America's most important event since Pearl Harbor must not be forgotten. On any day.

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'9/11 burnt and faded'
by Garrett Guillotte

By Randall J. Webb
President
Northwestern State University

On this anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, it is appropriate for all of us to pause for a moment to put into perspective both the atrocity and senselessness of those assaults and the valor and resolve of this nation and its people in dealing with such a calamity.

America was not so much unprepared for this kind of aggression as it was astonished by the degree of hatred and rancor harbored by those who planned and carried out the assaults.

Every reasonable, responsible citizen of this nation was deeply hurt and saddened by the deaths, injuries and destruction of the September 11 attacks, but the incidents also intensified and revitalized our patriotism and pride in this country and the values and principles upon which it was built.

We should remember and honor in our hearts and minds every day the innocent people who died or were injured in those attacks and the families and friends who endured the pain, suffering and sorrow of having loved ones hurt or killed in that tragedy.

It is important also for us to forever pay tribute to the police, firefighters and other emergency personnel who performed so heroically and courageously in the aftermath of that catastrophe and to the military personnel who have been at the forefront since that September 11 of America's ongoing war on terrorism in Afghanistan, Iraq and other parts of the world.

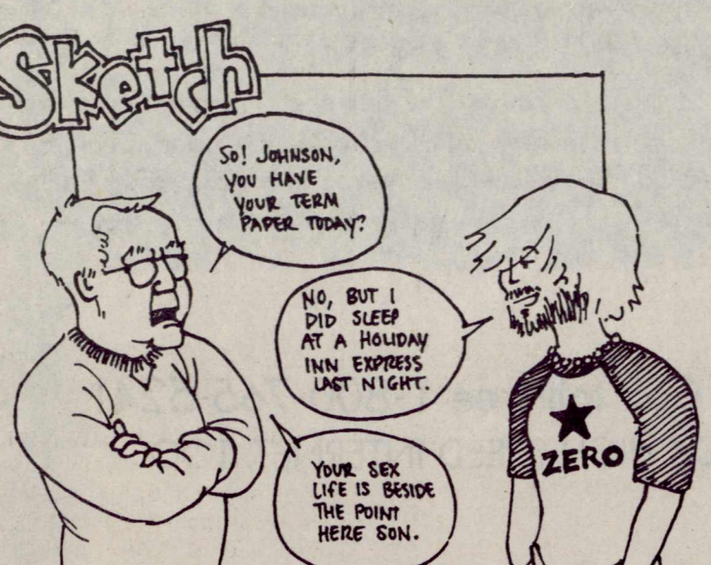
Those horrible attacks left tears, blood, and scars on American soil everywhere, from New York and Washington to Natchitoches and this Northwestern campus. But those notorious acts of terrorism also stamped on the hearts and souls of Americans here and in every part of this country a new spirit of national loyalty, pride and determination that will make this nation even greater and more noble than it was before September 11, 2001.

Sincerely,

Randall J. Webb
President

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What's Current?

NSU professor's book signing Saturday

Assitant Professor of English Julie Kane will sign copies of her latest book, "Rhythm & Booze," at the Book Merchant on Front Street in Natchitoches Saturday, Sept. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kane's book was selected by internationally-known poet Maxine Kumin as a winner of the National Poetry Series. For more information on the book signing, call 357-8900.

Building Leadership

Emerging Leaders is scheduled to hold three sessions on Sept. 16, 23, and 30 in the Student Union Ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m. These sessions are for freshman and sophomore students to gain better individual, team and organizational skills through adventurous activities.

International piano concert set for Sept. 19

The Louisiana Piano Series International is scheduled to begin with a concert by Alexander Tutunov on Friday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. This year's series will feature pianists from Byelorussia, South Korea, Russia, Poland and the United States. For more information contact Assistant Professor of Piano Nikita Fitenko at 357-5763 or visit www.fitenko.com/pianoseries.

Christmas Festival poster unveiling

The Natchitoches Arts Council will hold its annual unveiling ceremony of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival Poster on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme of this year's poster is "Preserving the Past/Securing the Future." For more information on the poster, call the Natchitoches Office of Community Development at 357-3839.

Halftime Presentation

The Spirit of Northwestern marching band is scheduled to have a special halftime presentation on Saturday, Sept. 13. The presentation will be entitled "Music America." For more information, call 357-4522.

KNWD DJ schedule

Monday
8-10 a.m.- Tommy McClelland
10-12 p.m.- Kim Brammer
12-2 p.m.-Chris Rodrigues
2-4 p.m.- Rochelle Holmes and Levitra Kimble

Tuesday
8-10 a.m.- Anthony McKaskle
10-12 p.m.- Emily Perkins
12-2 p.m.-Denise Stroud
2-4 p.m.- Leslie Westbrook and Kyle Shirley

Wednesday
8-10 a.m.- Kyle Carter
10-12 p.m.- Tim Miskimon
12-2 p.m.- Phillip Douget
2-4 p.m.- India Reuben and Demetria Collins

Thursday
8-10 a.m.- Candace West
10-12 p.m.- Kaley Wikins
12-2 p.m.- Derrick Doyle
2-4 p.m.- Amanda Pittman

Friday
8-10 a.m.- Jessica Troske
10-12 p.m.- Angela Cobos
12-2 p.m.- Kim Jacques and Kim O'Brien
2-4 p.m.- Adryan Maney and Olivia Hamilton

Get down on the bricks

By Kyle A. Carter
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Starting Saturday, the next Boogie on the Bricks concert seriesbegins.

Boogie on the Bricks is a free concert held on Front Street after all NSU Demon home football games. The show starts at the end of the game and sometimes lasts until midnight.

The concerts began about five years ago after members of Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs, a local band, brought the idea to the Natchitoches City Council.

"The original idea was just to occasionally do these shows on Front Street as a form of entertainment," Rodney Harrington, lead singer of the Moondogs, said. "Then football season rolled around and it seemed natural to follow a football game with a show," Harrington said.

The concerts have become a tradition over the years, and the city of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Main Street Program, the NSU Athletic Association, and the NSU Alumni Association are all now involved. Along with the help of Front Street businesses and monetary support from other local businesses, Boogie on the Bricks has grown to be a regionally known show.

Doug Ireland, sports information director for NSU, pointed out that most people in small towns do not remain around after the end of a football game. Instead, they usually go home, to a club or a party.

"It (Boogie on the Bricks) is part of the entire entertainment package surrounding the football game day experience," Ireland said. "Boogie on the Bricks is an effort to mix the university and the community."

Boogie on the Bricks does just that. Courtney Hornsby, main street manager for the city of Natchitoches, said that she tries to schedule bands that play music all attendees will enjoy. At past shows, NSU students found themselves interacting with local families, residents to the city and visitors from out of town.

"It is something to look forward to, it gives locals something to do, and it brings people to Front Street," Hornsby said.

Boogie on the Bricks begins Saturday, Sept. 13.

Kicking off this year is Driving South, set to begin at 9 p.m.

Boogie on the Bricks

2003 season schedule of events
Celebrations are after every home football game

- Sat., Aug. 30 – Annual Zydeco Festival (downtown Natchitoches)
- Sat., Sept. 13 – 9 p.m. to midnight
  Featuring: Driving South featuring Jim Seaman
  (NSU vs. Delaware at 6 p.m.)
- Sat., Oct. 4 – 9 p.m. to midnight
  Featuring: Rivers Revue Band
  (NSU vs. Oklahoma at 6 p.m.)
- Sat., Oct. 11 – 9 p.m. to midnight
  Featuring: The Sidemen
  (NSU vs. Southeast at 6 p.m.)
- Sat., Oct. 25 – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  Featuring: Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs
  (Homecoming)
- Sat., Nov. 22 – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  Featuring: Hoodoo Papas
  (NSU vs. SFA at 2 p.m.)

EOS bands rock NSU campus

By April N. Dickson
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An eclectic crowd gathered on campus Saturday at the second annual End of Summer Festival to support the area's local music scene.

The festival was held at the field across from the president's house on the South Jefferson entrance of campus.

"It was cool because it was kind of like being in the sixties with everyone laying in the grass and playing frisbee," said freshman criminal justice major Marlena Morrow.

Festival founder Adam Carter said, "I started EOS Fest to bring local bands to Natchitoches and to let people know what's going on in the Louisiana area music scene."

The day-long free show opened with Pineville band 7 Locks at 11:30 a.m. After their performance the crowd patiently waited with bottles of water and blankets on the lawn for Systolic to arrive.

When the crowd and representatives of KNWD feared fans would leave if the stage remained empty, an impromptu talent show began.

Brad Hartley, music director for KNWD, played bass while Stoney Brown showed his ability to freestyle. Fellow freestyler Warner Tureaud III, general manager for KNWD also helped fill the gap for Systolic's absence.

At 2 p.m. the show went on as scheduled with A More Different Raquet, a three-man band from Natchitoches.

"More Different was my favorite band because they were the most original sound I heard that day," Morrow said.

Andrew David, a junior journalism major, played a quick original acoustic set as Smashley mounted the stage. A group of guys congested the area in front of the stage to see the female guitar and bass players.

As the afternoon progressed into evening, Natchitoches locals Kelvin made their appearance. Following Kelvin was Lingus, a funk group from Lake Charles, La.

Carter said, "All of the bands are here through networking. I found different bands through bands that I've worked with before, from friends of mine, and some bands asked me to let them play."

The night ended with Baton Rouge's The Kenmores and Louisiana natives Zack the Rookie.

The festival was co-sponsored by KNWD and the Louisiana branch of the Make-a-Wish foundation.

"We raised about $200 for Make-a-Wish. The money came from drink sales and donations. All of the money made throughout the day goes to the foundation," Carter said.

Carter was pleased about the festivals turnout. "We had about the same turnout as last year and given that it was a new location, that was expected," Carter said. "We had about 300 people throughout the day. Different people would come in and out to see whatever band they were into."



Carter says that as program manager for KNWD he plans to hold more events like this one throughout the year. He also plans to use the same location.

First meat pie fest kicks off Sept. 19

By Alisha Howard
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If you are from Natchitoches, most likely you know that a meat pie has two important parts; the meat pie filling and the crust. The meat pie filling is made with ground meat, ground pork, a load of onions, garlic, and other seasonings all rolled into a savory crust and deep fried to golden, crispy perfection. If you are interested in sampling a meat pie or have a love for this tasty treat, then you should attend Natchitoches' first annual Meat Pie Festival.

The festival will be held Sept. 19- 21 in downtown Natchitoches on the riverfront. The event is coordinated by Keri Fidelak. The Meat Pie Festival will bring the Natchitoches' Festival count up to four. Kicking off the festivities will be a brown bag concert from noon to 2 p.m.

"The city of Natchitoches will be funding the brown bag concert and we will also be in charge of cleanup and road closure," said Courtney Hornsby, coordinator for city funded activities at the festival.

Also on Friday, a lecture on the history of the meat pie will be given, and meat pie cooking demonstrations will be held by Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen. Other entertainment on Friday includes the Back Porch Band and Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs.

On Saturday, activities begin at 8 a.m. with Nakatosh Coffee on the Cane and the opening of the Cane River Green Market, where local farmers will sell fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers and other items.

For children, a magician will be featured at 8:30 a.m. Also, an interactive animal performance will be presented at 10 a.m. by Reefscapes. Other activities for children include inflatable jumps, a rock climbing wall, puppet shows, a petting zoo, face painting and "make it and take it" stations where kids create crafts that can be taken home.

Two meat pie cooking contests will be held at noon and 4:30 p.m. There is a $10 entry fee for each contestant. Awards will be given for first, second, and third, places as well as most original meat pie.

"I believe college-aged students will enjoy the meat pie making contest," says Keri Fidelak, the event coordinator. In this contest, teams of three compete to see who can make the most meat pies in a specified time period. This contest has a $20 entry fee.

For those who are up for a challenge, a world-sanctioned meat pie eating contest will be sponsored by the International Federation of Competitive Eating.

The introduction of the Meat Pie Queens will take place at noon. The Magnolia Sisters, a Cajun band featured in the movie "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya-Sisterhood," will be hitting the stage at 4 p.m. Other performances Saturday include The Cajun Steppers, Monty and Marsha Brown, Joey Green and Whiskey Trip, and The Sidemen.

Ending the festival on Sunday will be the Meat Pie Triathlon, or Meat Pie Tri. The race will include a half-mile swim in Cane River Lake, a 20-mile bike race, and a 3.1-mile run along the lake. Following the triathlon will be a post-race party with an awards presentation. For more information call 1-800-264-8991 or 352-1900. You may also visit www.meatpiefestival.com. For triathlon information call 445-2509.



Pillow Talk

Jessica Cramer

MARS VS. VENUS

Hi everyone! It's great to be back in print after a few weeks of well deserved napping! I hope all is going well with your semester, academically, as well as socially.

First a few housekeeping details-this column will now run bi-monthly. I still need your input as far as topic ideas, personal experiences and feedback, be them good or bad. You can e-mail me your words of wisdom at currentsauce_pillowtalk@hotmail.com. I will try my best to reply personally and to include your input in the column.

On to this week's topic.

We all have decisions to make and to make them we must use our brains. Well, women use their brains…I'm not sure what process men use to make decisions. I, however, have my suspicions.

To paraphrase Minnie Driver's character in "Good Will Hunting,"if men aren't thinking with their wieners, they're acting directly on its behalf. What if there is something to this?

There is something to this, in fact, and most women know it already. We use it to our advantage daily. Women are called the fairer sex with good reason. We are soft and pretty, we smell good, and most importantly, we know that men know that.

But here's where it gets sticky. Men aren't stupid, dumb maybe, but not stupid. They know that we know they are easy to manipulate! They know that we use our feminine wiles to get what we want from them. They then use this knowledge to get what they want from us. It's a vicious, ugly cycle.

The cold truth is that, men and women are not very different at all. Yes, I know, Mars and Venus and the speaking of different languages and all, but really, we're not planets!

We're people. We might not like the same things and that is perfectly natural. We have a different genetic makeup. Men are programmed to like sports; women are programmed to buy shoes. Whatever our differences, we need to make a conscious effort to communicate better.

In a perfect world, we would just be able to talk to each other and tell each other what we want, using no manipulation whatsoever to get it. But we are not living in a perfect world. There is no such place.

We are all, men and women alike, inherently ill behaved. We've become so focused on pleasing ourselves that we forget that we aren't the only people on the planet. We are similar creatures but light years away from an amicable existence. So, how do we co-exist on this tiny planet?

Scientists and therapists have been trying to figure this out for centuries. We may never have an answer to this lingering question but it's somewhat worthwhile to know that manipulation is still effective.

Jessica Cramer is a senior journalism major. Her column will appear every other week in the Diversions section.

'Matchstick' return of the classic Cage

By Chris Hewitt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Gosh, it's nice to have Nicolas Cage back. Not the fake Cage who showed up in all those brainless no-thrill rides ("Con Air," "Gone in 60 Seconds"), trying to prop up stupid roles with baroque behavior. I'm talking about the Cage whose unexpected behaviors and exaggerated speech patterns take us straight

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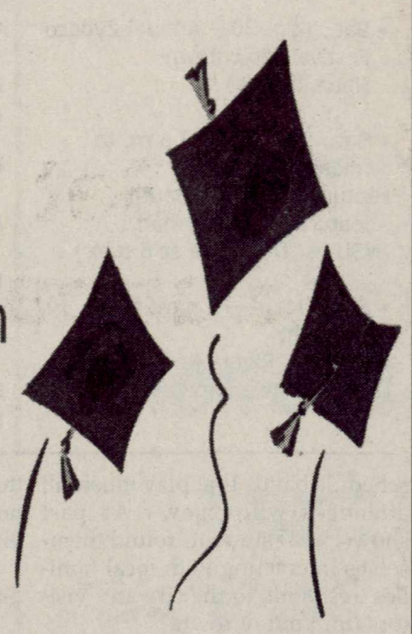
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ters.

Cage has always been an expressionistic actor, one who uses surreal behavior and an almost musical approach to language to illuminate offbeat characters, and that's true of his performance as Roy in the playful, wildly entertaining "Matchstick Men." Like many Cage characters, Roy is split inside himself. Unable to connect with other people emotionally, he lives an empty life, and the only way his feelings can come out is in Tourette's-like tics and obsessive-compulsive behavior.

Things begin to change when Roy meets, for the first time, his 14-year-old daughter (Alison Lohman), who is the exact opposite of obsessive-compulsive (sloppy-repulsive, maybe?). She expresses an interest in his livelihood — he's a con artist — a joins him and his partner (S Rockwell) in the movies' favor kind of con game: the One L Con Before I Quit the Business Good.

"Matchstick Men" features soundtrack of snappy, jaz lounge hits from the '50s and ' and the movie matches their de may-care cool. It seems as cas and off-handed as Sinatra w when he'd randomly toss a "He or a "Baby" into whatever song was singing, but it's actually tightly wound as Roy.

In a way, it sets us up as Ro mark. We are being conned, just surely as Roy's other victims, a when the con is so involving, swift, so funny and so popula with appealing characters, getti duped is pure pleasure, baby.

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Spanish Club

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You do not have to be enrolled in a Spanish class to be in the club. All are invited to attend.

For more information, contact **Comfort Pratt** in **Kyser 314-E**, call **357-5590**, or e-mail **prattc@nsula.edu**.

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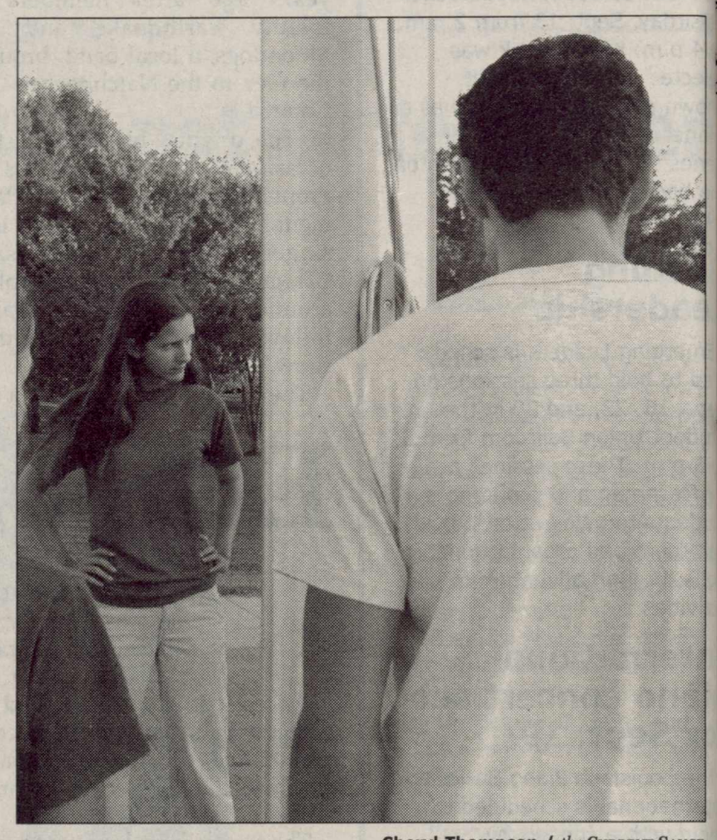
SIFE meets **every Monday at 12 p.m. in Russell Hall.** SIFE is open to all majors — no dues or minimum GPA are required.

For more information, call **SIFE president Josh Williams** at **352-5967**, or e-mail **mrfreeze917@hotmail.com**

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Remebering 9/11

SGA hosted a small remembrance service in the ballroom of the Student Union at 7:30 a.m. this morning. Students prayed by the flagpole outside of Kyser Hall and spoke to each other about the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Kelli Rich, a sophomore education major at left, and Rich Lynch listen to SGA president Greg Comeaux (not pictured).

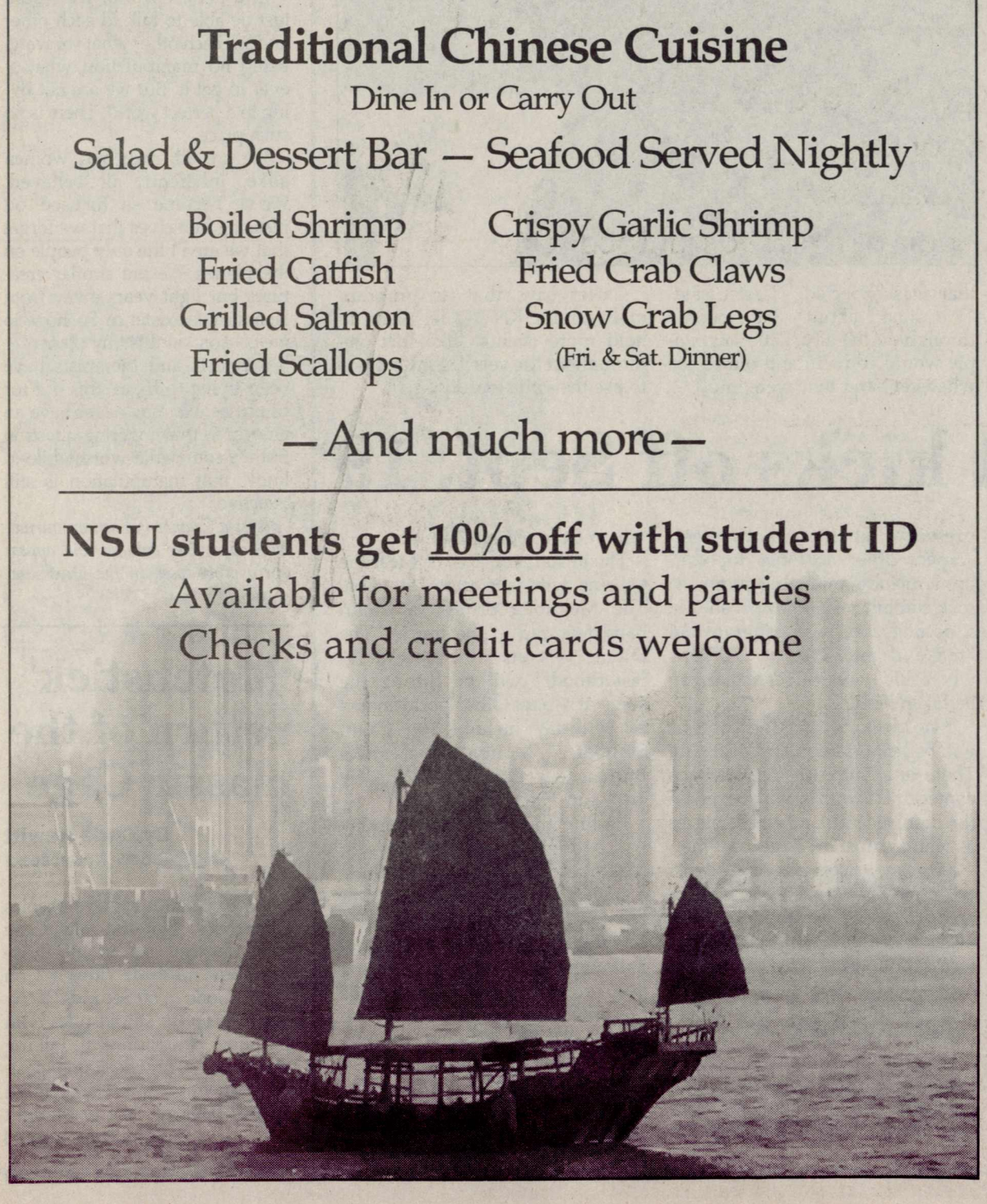
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Volleyball team sweeps Centenary tourney

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Sports Infomartion

The Northwestern State Lady Demon volleyball team breezed through its competition here Saturday, defeating Grambling and the host team Centenary to win the Centenary Tournament with a perfect 4-0 mark.

Janel Fisher led the Lady Demons (5-3) with 11 kills and a hitting percentage of .556 in a 3-0 win over Grambling in the days first contest. Priscilla Augusto recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 10 digs in helping NSU to wins of 30-18, 30-19 and 30-22.

In the nightcap, NSU defeated Centenary 3-0 with scores of 30-22, 30-23 and 30-20. Fisher again led the team offensively with 14 kills while Evelyn Getzen finished with 10 kills and led the team with a .391 hitting percentage.

"I'm feeling really good about our team right now," said head coach Leigh Davis. "The girls came together as a team on this trip and it showed on the court."

Getzen, Fisher, and Latoya Sanders were named to the All-Tournament team with Fisher being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Soccer team prepares but falls in home opener

By Warren Hayes
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Disappointment covered the soccer field as the Demons soccer team hosted Oklahoma State Sunday afternoon for their season opener. The Demons were well prepared, but there was not enough Demon spirit to take a victory.

The Demons could not keep pace with Oklahoma State in the first half, causing them to fall behind.

"We gave up a goal within the first 25 minutes of the game," Demons Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said.

That goal was not the only goal scored in the first half. Oklahoma players Ashley Brantley, Kim Graves, Joanne Edwards and Adriane Radtke scored to make a 4-0 score in the first half.

In the second half, the Demons held Oklahoma to only one goal. When the Demons regrouped, they were able to score. Brittney Hung scored a goal, with an assist from teammate Marliese Latiolais.

"I am proud of the team's regroupment," Mitchell said.

The Demons' restored unity was still not enough to win. Oklahoma State ended the game with a score of 5-1.

The Demons are physically and mentally prepared for the next game. Coach Mitchell has a new outlook for this season. He said hard practice and focus will take the Demons to the top.

"We're done with losing," Mitchell said.

The Demons will host University of Lafayette Friday.

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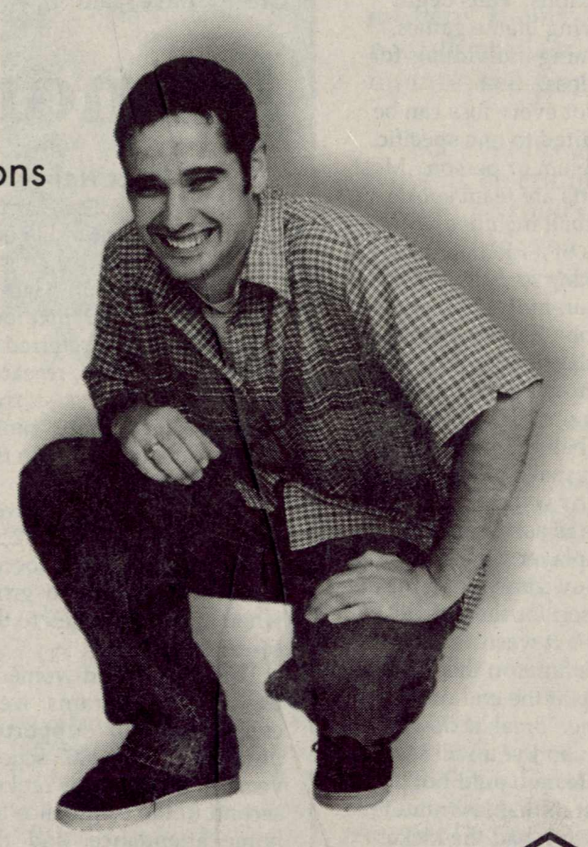
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Next week's games (home games in **bold**):

— FOOTBALL —
Sat. vs. Delaware State — 6 p.m.

— VOLLEYBALL —
Fri. vs. UMKC Tourney — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
Fri. vs.UL-Lafayette — 1 p.m.
Wed. vs. Centenary — 4:30 p.m.

Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Football Season

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Hey everyone, can you smell what I smell?

Oh yeah, that's pigskin, baby, and that means football season has crept back into our weekly routines.

The first weeks of NFL and NCAA play are barely over, and already you can hear the footsteps of men across the country as they flock to sports bars and break rooms to talk about what happened, or didn't happen, last Sunday.

I've been talking about what didn't happen this week, but I have come to a firm conclusion that disappointments must come. No matter how confident a team may be at the beginning of a season, they must understand that unexpected losses will happen.

For a few easy examples, look at the NFL. The New Orleans Saints are easily on top of the list of the most disappointing teams in the history of the NFL. In their 36-year history they have made it to the playoffs five times and only had success once.

Last Sunday the Saints faced off against the Seattle Seahawks and were favored to win, but after bad decisions and play they went down flaming 27-10.

Unfortunately, there were many disappointments in the NFL last week, but we won't talk about Brett Favre's six interceptions against the Minnesota Vikings. Let's just say some people weren't too happy.

In college football it is the same. Bad things happen sometimes.

The Demons' 27-24 loss to the Tulane Green Wave was a prime example of this point. Overthrown passes and muffed field goals stopped the Demons from moving on to a big win.

The problems with these losses are the fans' reactions. Fans begin playing blame games, blaming individuals for the loss.

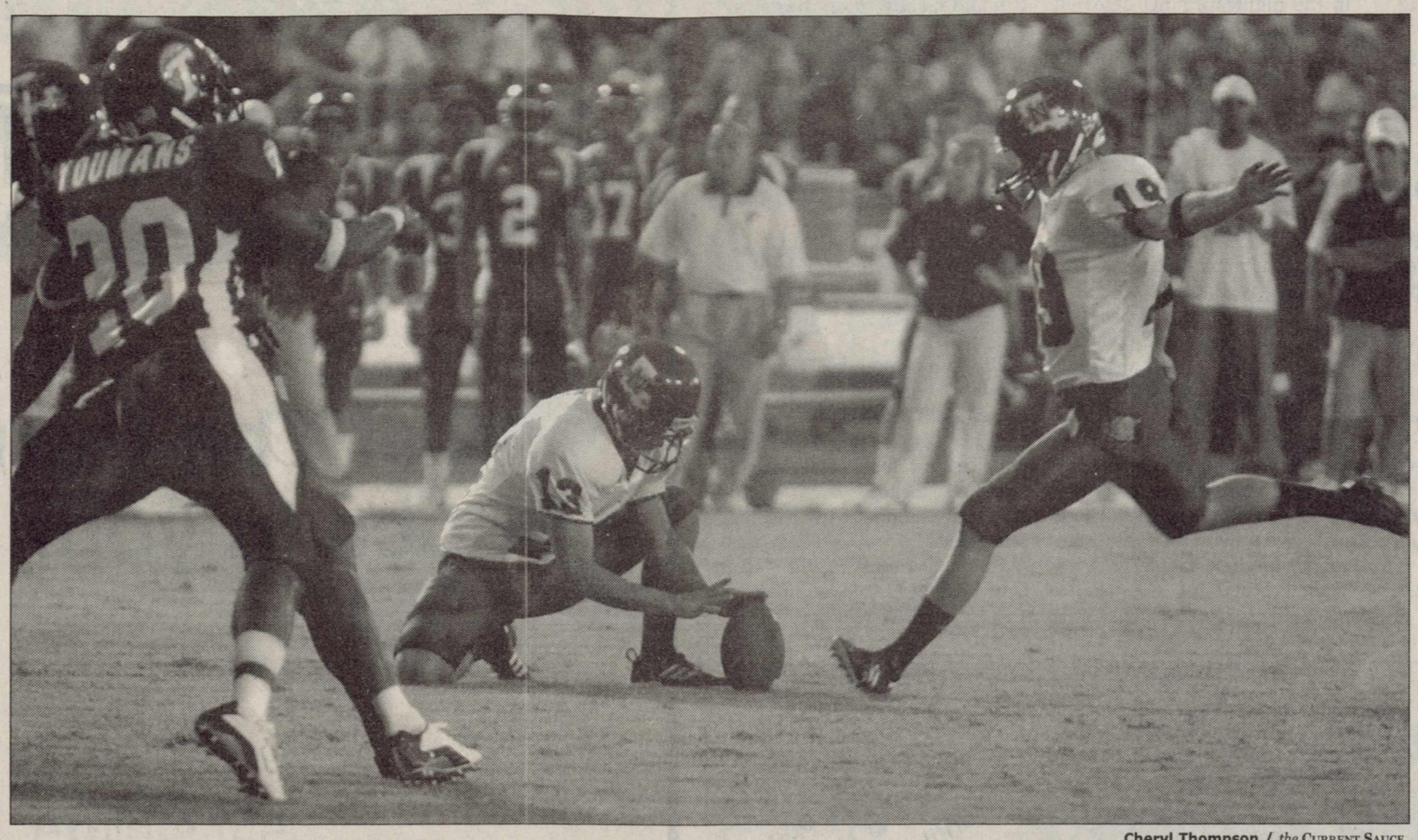
Not every loss can be credited to one specific problem or person. Most sports are team sports, football included. Members of a football team go looking for a team-win not an individual win.

Toby Zeigler cannot go on the field to face a team without the rest of the Demons. He can't throw the ball to himself and then make blocks for himself as well. That's ridiculous to ask of an individual player.

How can you blame one person for the Tulane loss? It wasn't the center's fault on the muffed snap at the end of the game. Break it down further, and you will see that the team would not have been in that last minute position had the kicker not missed two previous field goal attempts.

However, it doesn't stop there. The kicker would not have needed to attempt a 39-yard field goal had the offense produced when needed.

All I am trying to say is that we cannot blame one person's mistake for the consequences of many. If we could we would all be in for a rude awakening.



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Holder Chris Stegall holds the kick for Tommy Hebert in Saturday's contest in New Orleans. Hebert missed kicks from 39 and 37 yards on the night but made a 29 yard field goal in overtime. NSU long distance kicker Josh Storrs made a 45 yard field goal in the third quarter and missed a 38 yarder in the closing seconds of the game.

So, so, so close

Three missed field goals haunt OT loss to Tulane

By Patrick West
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Despite excellent play from the Demon defense and offense, the field goal units settled the game between NSU and Tulane Saturday night in the Big Easy.

Three missed field goals doomed the Demons, especially the field goal Josh Storrs missed with 7 seconds left to go in the game, helping Tulane get the win in overtime 27-24.

Earlier in the game, kicker Tommy Hebert missed two field goals, one from 39 yards and one from 37 yards.

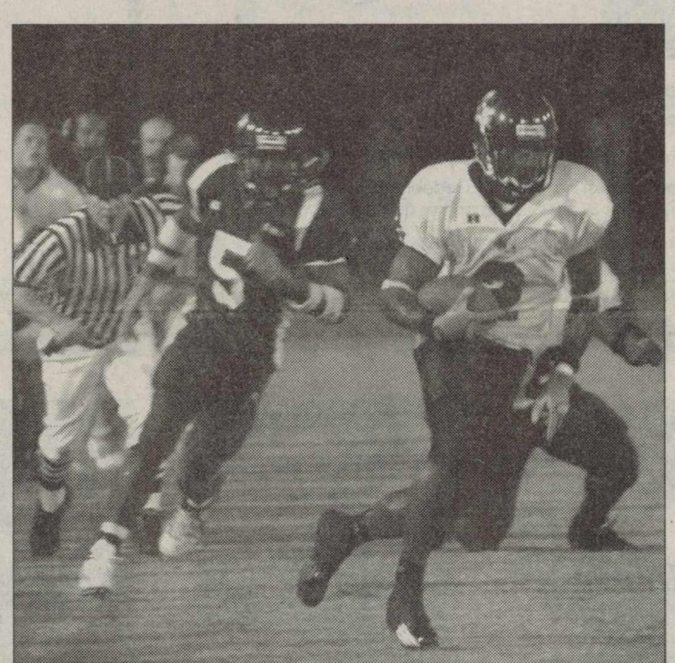
"Anytime you lose a football game it doesn't feel good," Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker said. "I thought we played good enough to win the football game, but just one of those deals where it was not meant to be."

The Demons tied the Green Wave late in the fourth quarter. The Purple Swarm defense stopped a late Tulane drive when safety Neil Ponstein put a vicious hit on Tulane wide receiver Chris Bush, halting Tulane's momentum and forcing them to punt two plays later.

"Luckily I got a good read on him and it felt good," Ponstein said, "He came across the middle, and I had good timing, and got him good."

This set up quarterback Davon Vinson's final drive down the field. The Demons moved the ball to midfield when Vinson hit wide receiver Toby Ziegler for a 22-yard pass play to set NSU up in field goal range. NSU killed the clock with 7 seconds left, but a bad snap caused Storrs' kick to fall short.

In overtime, NSU took posession first but had to settle for a field goal to take the lead 24-21. Tulane took the ball in overtime and, in two short plays, scored on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Tulane quarterback J.P. Losman to running back Mewelde Moore, giving the Green Wave its victory.



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Toby Zeigler runs down the sideline being closely pursued by Tulane linebacker Brandon Spincer. Zeigler caught 7 catches for 65 yards.

This was the Demons' second overtime game in school history. The other overtime game was against another Conference USA opponent. The Demons beat TCU 27-24 two seasons ago.

The Demons outgained the Green Wave in total yards 490 to 436. Penalties were numerous during the game, stopping the Demon offense on several drives. NSU finished the night with 12 penalties for 86 yards while Tulane had 10 penalties for 104 yards.

"We opened up a little bit more, we played better offensively, but penalties hurt us bad in the first half of the game," Stoker said.

"We were a whole lot better on offense this week, we got running receivers and they came up and made big plays tonight," Vinson said.

The Purple Swarm defense held strong all night against Losman and the potent Tulane offense. Senior safety Eric Louis led all Demons with 14 tackles, two broken up passes, a sack, and a forced fumble.

NSU dropped a single spot to No. 19 in the Sports Network/CSTV I-AA Top 25 rankings while moving up four spots to No. 19 in the ESPN/USA TODAY Division I-AA Top 25 poll.

Demon fanatics increase attendance

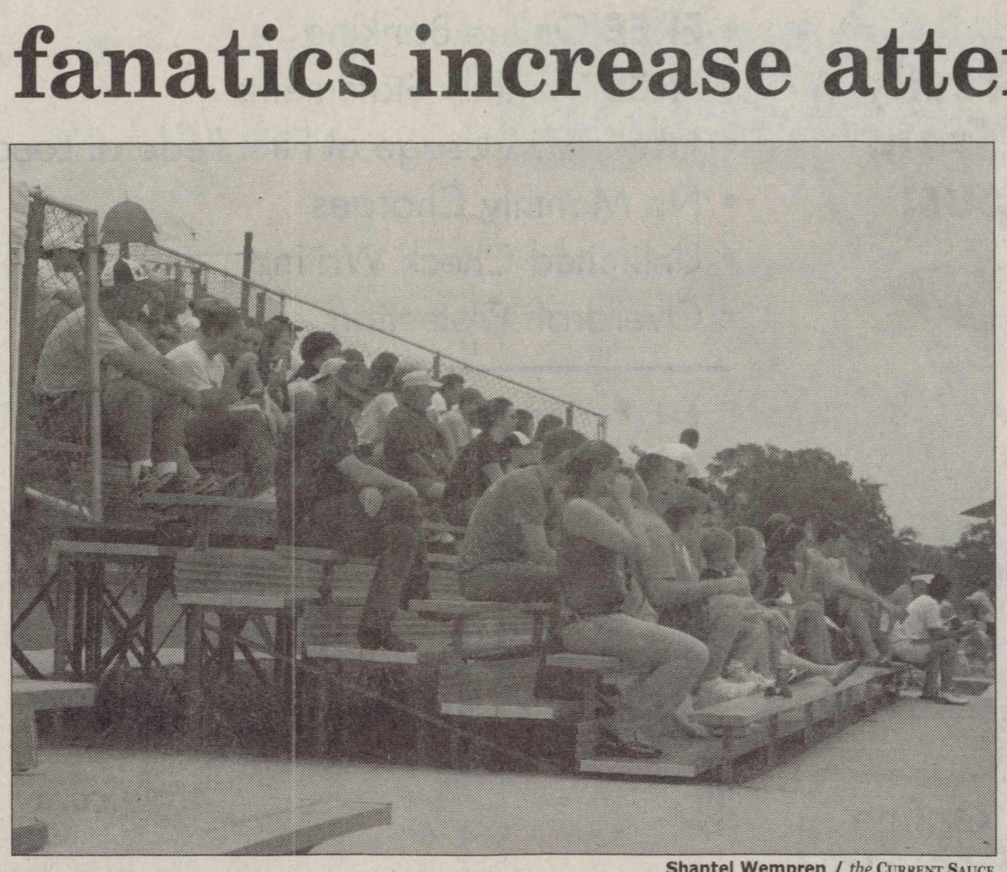
By Brent Holloway
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After an opening weekend home crowd that one radio broadcaster referred to as "disappointing", research found out that Northwestern State ranks high in fan attendance in the Southland Conference.

The results found showed NSU ranking number 2 in most sports except soccer, which is expected to grow when lights are added to the soccer field.

The football and women's basketball programs were especially well supported during the 2002-2003 school year. Both programs ranked second in the conference for home attendance, and the football team ranked 24th nationally among Division I-AA schools. What makes this finding even more significant is the fact that this year's home opener drew nearly 4,000 more fans than last year's.

This is indicative of the overall trend spanning the last few years, said Sports Information Director Doug Ireland. Northwestern athletics have seen "a positive trend across the board" in terms of attendance, Ireland said. He points to a community atmosphere at NSU that stretches beyond athletics. Ireland said the band, spirit groups, and other student organizations are a primary reason for the high attendance. It is the atmosphere as well as Natchitoches itself that draws many fans from surrounding towns to sporting events. The administration capitalizes on this interest by offering tickets at a reduced rate to fans from different parishes every week during football season, Ireland said.



Shantel Wempren / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Fans attend a Lady Demon soccer event in Natchitoches. Soccer attendance is increasing as the sport catches on in the local area with the growth of youth soccer programs.

However, it was not just the football and women's basketball teams that enjoyed large crowds. Every team researched (football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and soccer) ranked at or above the conference average for attendance at home games, with one glaring exception. The women's soccer team, which has continually been one of Northwestern's most successful programs, played in front of smaller crowds than any other team in the Southland Conference. At first glance, this may be difficult to understand, but upon a deeper look, the reasons become clearer.

Soccer, the world's most popular sport, is only a recent addition to the sports scene here in Northwestern Louisiana. Interest in soccer is on the rise because of local youth programs and high school teams in the area. The biggest reason for the small crowds is probably the lack of lighting. This forces NSU to play all home games during the day, when would-be spectators are either in class or at work. Ireland said, all the needed funds have been raised and lights will be in place at the beginning of next season.

Student admission is free to all NSU sporting events with a current NSU student ID.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (1-3)
Grambling Game

Sept. 10, 2003
Northwestern State
Grambling (0-4)

NSU 5-GSU 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	4	1	**5**
GSU	0	0	0

Key Player:
Hillarie Marshall
Two Goals
Senior Defender

Sept. 7, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Oklahoma State (3-0

NSU 1-**OKLA ST. 5**

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	1	1
OKL	4	1	**5**

NSU Volleyball (5-3
Centenary Tourname

Key Player:
Janel Fisher
11 Kills & hit .556

Sept. 6, 2003
Northwestern State
Centenary (0-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**3**
CSU	22	23	20	0

Northwestern State
Grambling State (3-2)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**3**
GSU	18	19	22	0

Sept. 5, 2003
Northwestern State
Prairie View A&M (5-3)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**3**
PVSU	23	20	18	0

Northwestern State
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (0-

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**3**
APBU	21	11	9	0

Football Notes

NSU vs. **Tulane**
Sept. 6, 2003

Passing

NSU
Davon Vinson
19/34, 264 yards, 2 TDs
(SLC Offensive Player of the Week)
Tulane
J.P. Losman
29/48, 353 yards, 4 TDs

Rushing

NSU
Derrick Johnese
20 carries for 98 yards
Shelton Sampson
12 carries for 78 yards
Tulane
Mewelde Moore
16 carries for 100 yards

Receiving

NSU
Derrick Doyle
5 catches for 104 yards
Toby Zeigler
7 catches for 65 yards
Tulane
Mewelde Moore
9 catches for 116 yards
Chris Bush
6 catches for 105 yards

Defense

Eric Louis (**NSU**) — Louisiana Sports Writers Association state defensive player of the week.

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Nall won't fall
Record-holding NSU quarterback outlasts big names on pro football team's roster
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NATIONAL NEWS

Immigrants getting U.S. citizenship on the rise

Nearly 60 percent of immigrants eligible to become U.S. citizens have done so in recent years, reversing a downturn in the mid-1990s when only 39 percent took the oath, according to an Urban Institute report released Wednesday.

Still, nearly 8 million eligible people have not elected to become citizens, the nonpartisan research organization found.

And there's a significant difference between the naturalized population and those who haven't become citizens, researchers found. Those who haven't naturalized have more limited English skills, are less educated, and are more frequently of Mexican origin.

Former U.S., NATO general Clark announces presidential bid

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark declared his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday, becoming the first military leader to seek the White House since Dwight D. Eisenhower half a century ago.

His hastily arranged announcement — in a sunny lot outside a Little Rock, Ark., boys and girls club, rushed to beat Hurricane Isabel's landfall — ended a months-long Internet-driven draft-Clark movement.

DIVERSIONS

'Once Upon A Time' no fairy tale; new Perfect Circle a cliffhanger

Movie and music reviews on **page 7**

What's Updated?

WORLD NEWS

Foreign students say U.S. drastically changed post-9/11

Some foreign students who want a U.S. university degree have learned to cope with a new reality since Sept. 11, 2001: Without careful planning, they can miss semesters or even jeopardize their residency status.

Many international students and visiting scholars say added scrutiny because of their homelands — or even the courses they study — is the norm two years after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Nationwide, delays in registering for classes are shorter this year than last year, according to the nonprofit National Association of Foreign Student Advisers: Association of International Educators, based in Washington, D.C.

The adjustment has been especially profound for students from Middle Eastern or Islamic countries, Muslim community leaders say.

Hurricane threatens North Carolina, east coast today

Outer Banks residents on Tuesday will board beachfront homes, stock up on food, water and fuel and flee the coast as Hurricane Isabel barrels closer to North Carolina.

Forecasters expect the storm to strike land Thursday about 2 p.m. _ dangerously close to high tide. By Tuesday night, forecasters hope to have a better sense of the Isabel's path, which could lead anywhere from the Carolinas to New York. Even if the storm slides north, it would still dump high winds, rain, and dangerous surf and riptides on the Carolinas' coast.

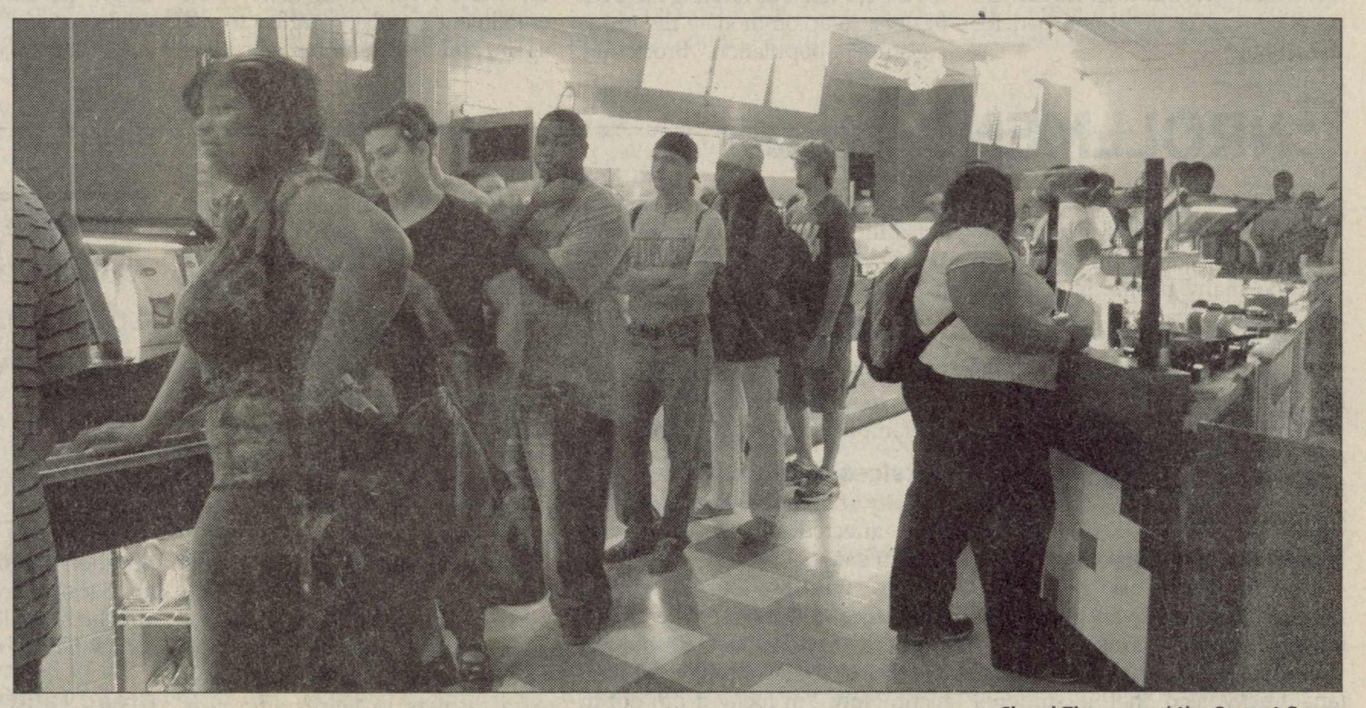
What's Next Week?

Watch for SGA election results as they're released at www.currentsauce.com

Growing pains

With enrollment on the rise, what is the University doing to accommodate new students?

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Students wait in line at Vic's in the Student Union. With enrollment increasing each year, students are finding that a broad range of campus services, from food services to parking, are becoming harder to access.

Julia Marshall, a sophomore elementary education major, has to leave home 30 minutes early after sending her five kids to school just to find a parking space in time to get to class. Marshall is one among many non-traditional students and commuters that faces this problem daily.

Enrollment has reached an all-time high. Along with the growing number of people on campus comes more traffic, less parking, larger classes and less available on-campus housing.

NSU President Randall Webb said NSU is doing and is preparing to do many things to accommodate the changes brought by the growth in student population.

Of the many things that the rise in enrollment has affected, many students notice a lack of convenient parking.

Senior psychology major Byron Simoneaux said, "I really don't notice the increase of enrollment other than that there is no freakin' place to park."

Webb said that the University has been working to solve the parking problems on campus.

"We have added new parking lots on campus, as well as increased the number of parking spaces available in existing lots," Webb said. "Students can help one another tremendously if students who live in dorms and who live in the (University) Columns (Apartments) would walk to class and get that exercise. That is just one good way to get one's body in shape, and it's just a courtesy to other students.

10,505 students make for fourth straight record enrollment, see **page 2**

Webb said, "What I'm trying to ensure is that people don't have to park at the coliseum and hope they can get a ride to school on the (Demon) Shuttle and still make it to class on time."

NSU is also analyzing and reworking the schedule of classes to minimize the amount of people in classes and the amount of traffic at any given time.

"We look at peak times and try to spread classes out so we make maximum use out of our classrooms and reduce the parking problems that students and faculty may have," Webb said.

Students that live on campus are expected to park in standard parking lots instead of in the grass and in commuter or faculty zones.

Students have also noticed the build up of traffic that corresponds with the parking

■ See **Enrollment**, page 2



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce
A Natchitoches Fire Department truck leaves Kyser Hall Friday morning. Firefighters used fans to clear smoke from Kyser after a power disruption caused air conditioning units to overheat.

Power disruption blacks out classes

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A faulty power wire overheated air conditioning units in Kyser Hall, prompting administrators to cut power to most academic buildings Friday morning.

The decision was followed by an announcement canceling many Natchitoches campus classes for the day as workers investigated and repaired the problem.

Smoke, apparently originating from the Ora G. Williams Television Studio and Auditorium on Kyser's first floor around 9:15 a.m., started to spread into the floor's halls and classrooms at about mid-morning Friday.

The building's fire alarms, which an e-mail to faculty said were being tested around the same time, were disregarded by some faculty. Students in at least one class on Kyser's first floor were told to disregard the alarms as tests, only to smell smoke minutes later and be instructed to leave the building.

The Natchitoches Fire

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Nader accepts SGA bid to speak at NSU

Consumer advocate, former presidential candidate to get $15,000 for visit

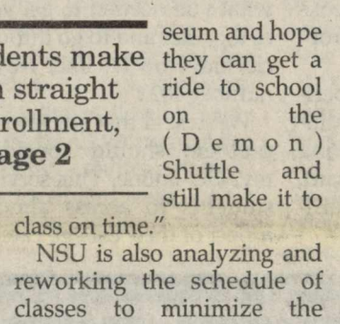
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Former presidential candidate Ralph Nader has accepted a $15,000 bid to speak at NSU this fall as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Nader ran for U.S. president in 2000 on the Green Party ticket. He is the author of a weekly syndicated newspaper column and several books on topics ranging from politics to economics and healthcare. He has also formed many political and public service organizations.

"I think he'd be a really good speaker," said Director of Student Affairs Carl Henry. "There aren't many opportunities you'll have to hear someone like that in Natchitoches."

SGA President Greg Comeaux confirmed Nader's acceptance of the SGA's $15,000 bid and invitation Wednesday afternoon. SGA Commissioner of Academic Affairs Mindy McConnell said Nader's lecture will be held in the Student Union Ballroom in mid-November.



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For results of student elections as soon as they're posted, see **currentsauce.com**

The Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, a subcommittee of Academic Affairs, has between $7,000 and $10,000 each semester to spend on a lecturer. Any unused funds roll over into the following semester's budget. The committee currently has around $20,000, McConnell said.

Nader was selected over fellow 2000 presidential hopeful Alan Keyes and genetic researcher Dr. Panos Zanos.

NSU NEWS22 WEEKEND FORECAST

Friday
Thunderstorms possible
85°/60°

Saturday
Partly cloudy
85°/60°

Sunday
Partly cloudy
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CORRECTIONS

The Sept. 11 front-page story "Blanco stumps at NSU" is the work of Kyle A. Carter, not April Dickson.

Two photos on page 5 of the Sept. 11 *Current Sauce* do not have captions. The top photo pictures, from left, bass guitarist Dominique Durandy, drummer Drew Campell and singer Ashley Ewing from the band Smashley. The bottom photo is of Ewing. Both were taken by staff photographer Amanda Breaux.

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Enrollment a broken record

10,505 registered for fall; fourth straight best-ever year

By Katrina Dixon
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NSU released the fall 2003 enrollment figures on Wednesday, which showed that the number of enrolled students has reached a record high of 10,505.

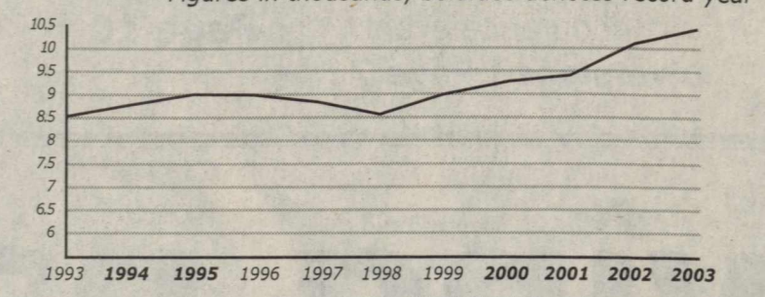
Compared to the records for last year's fall 2002 semester, there are about 340 more students registered for classes this year.

Some students and faculty members are questioning whether the University is trying to accommodate the large increase.

Jennifer Brock, a junior anthropology major, feels that high enrollment numbers can be good and bad for the school.

Fall enrollments since 1993

Figures in thousands, boldface denotes record year



Source: NSU Office of Institutional Research, www.nsula.edu/oir/

"It is apparent that enrollment has increased, which is good for the school. But, it is not necessarily good for the students, as nothing has been to done to accommodate the growing student population," Brock said.

The past 10 fall semesters at NSU have had mostly increases in attendance, except for the years 1996, 1997, and 1998. In fall of 1999, the enrollment numbers started to rise again, and that trend has since continued. The largest increase took place in fall 2002, which had an additional 744 students compared to 2001.

Richard Tanous, an assistant professor of criminal justice, thinks that one reason there is an addition of so many people is the struggling economy.

"One of the major issues is the economy of the country. People realize that with the loss of jobs and different career objectives, they have to change their career pursuits. That's part of the reason some return to college. I think younger people are seeing their parents go through hard times, so they are getting a higher education for better quality of life," Tanous explained.

Parking spaces, or the lack of them, are a major concern for students. It has remained a familiar problem not only for students, but also for faculty members who drive to school. The campus police play a central role in controlling the traffic conditions at NSU. Tanous has been disappointed with their efforts to deal with the accumulation of vehicles and people.

"The traffic on campus has drastically increased and I don't believe the University Police Department is taking on a community policing philosophy. This means they must be more proactive in dealing with the growing numbers at NSU, and with problem-solving issues of the past in direct relations with traffic parking. I think officer discretion needs to reflect a community policing philosophy in dealing with t students and faculty," Tanous said

Robyn Selders, a senior journ ism major, works as a computer l assistant in the library and fe some changes are being made.

"Business in this computer lab about the same, but I know th there are supposed to be new la opening. There is going to be one Bossier dorm, on the third floor Sabine, and there is also a ne Adult Learning Center lab in t student union for nontradition students. However, parking is st pretty bad. The library parking lo full, and the people driving tho cars aren't in the library. I thin building a parking garage som where would be a good idea Selders said.

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problems.

Tremain Jones, a junior broadcast journalism major, said, "There are way too many people on campus and in traffic. Traffic is like, you get no where fast. It's like a parade. I feel like I should be throwing candy out the window most of the time."

Webb said he hopes spreading out class times will help relieve many of the traffic problems on campus.

Housing crowding

The University is also planning to increase housing availability and improve existing dorms.

Director of University Recruiting Jana Lucky said that if students apply for financial aid and housing in a timely manner, rather than waiting until the beginning weeks of the semester, many of the problems will diminish.

"The main thing we are experiencing is as Northwestern continues to grow, there will be growing pains along the way," Lucky said. "Students are having to make earlier decisions."

Webb said, "We are exploring the feasibility of building additional suites or semi-suites as well as looking at how we can upgrade existing student residence halls."

Until these facilities become available, Webb encourages students to note the amount of quality off-campus housing that is offered.

Services take a hit

Many student services have also been affected by the increasing enrollment.

Jones, who has been attending NSU since 1998, said, "When I first got here, it would take 20 minutes to an hour to get through fee payment. Now, I'm lucky if I'm out in three hours if I go on the first day. People used to have time to tell you what you needed to get your classes together and to go through financial aid. Now it's like, 'Now serving number 402'."

Webb said that students with this problem should consider using myNSU online. This service allows students to access almost every aspect of their college career.

"On the Web site, we ask students to tell us how we can make it better. They are roughly half through with that portal and it will be extremely helpful in student services when it is completed," Webb said.

He said that one of the helpful tools that is being added to the Web site is a calculator that will help students know how many hours and what grades are needed to take to maintain or heighten their GPA before graduation.

Bobby Hamous, store manager at the university bookstore, said that he has been working to help the flow of extra students and customers in the store. He has hired extra cashiers to help traffic flow and has done a lot of reordering to accommodate the number of freshmen.

"We make sure people are going to the right lines, and we have people helping to regulate the flow of traffic," Hamous said.

Hamous also hopes to create a system that will allow students to purchase their books at University Bookstore using their student identification cards. When this system is in place, Hamous said that book vouchers would no longer be necessary at University Bookstore.

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> **Tremain Jones**
> Junior broadcast journalism major and 6-year student

Bread (and burger) lines

Students have also noticed the crowded dining facilities during peak hours. Food Service Director Perry Martin recognizes the lack of space in the Student Union. Martin said that when the union was designed, the number of students at the University was significantly smaller.

"We are trying to grow as the campus grows. We are looking for ways to better serve and are trying to make the best use of the limited space as possible," Martin said.

Martin is looking for ways to redesign operations for quicker service, as well as reworking the layout of the dining area to provide more seating.

Eva Sterling, a sophomore public relations major, said, "I think that they try as hard as they can. It just seems like it takes the hamburger line forever, but they make them fresh so that's better."

Martin said that the real problems in the eating facilities cannot be corrected unless the entire area is remodeled. In the meantime, extr attendants have been added to foo service lines during busy times speed up service.

Keeping enrollment up

As the University continues change, the recruiting offices a working to keep boosting enrol ment. NSU's recruiting ha branched out to East Texas, and working to increase recruiting in th Scholars' College, as well as wi graduate, non-traditional and tran fer students.

Lucky said that the recruitin office is also striving to increase th quality of students at NSU.

"We try to recruit retainable stu dents. We don't promise anythin we don't have," Lucky said.

Webb said, "We've tried each ye to increase proportions of studen in our freshman classes who are be ter prepared and are stronger stu dents."

While the numbers are increas ing, Webb said that he will continu to work at improving the Universit as much as possible.

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SGA considers blocking parts of Sam Sibley Drive

Elections turnout taking average pace

By Elaine Broussard
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Next Monday the SGA will vote on a bill proposed by the Traffic and Parking Committee to block off a portion of campus to correct the traffic problem. According to the bill, a portion of Sam Sibley Drive, the area in front of the Creative and Performing Arts Building, and the Student Union front drive, which runs under the pedestrian bridge, will be blocked off.

The bill states that blocking off this section of Sam Sibley Drive will control the number of NSU students and employees who move their cars from one side of campus to the other.

"There is no campus in the United States where people can move their cars like we do," said SGA advisor Carl Henry. "This is a walking campus. There's no place on campus that's more than a five minute walk from the Student Union."

Senators will also debate Monday on a bill that would increase the maximum amount a student can receive from an SGA Student Loan from $50 to $75.

This week the SGA voted to approve the SGA budget, and set aside $400 for organizational grants.

In order for an organization to obtain a grant, an application must be turned in before the last Friday in September. Applications can be picked up in Room 214 of the Student Union. Organizational grants are only given for special projects and/or events that benefit all students of the Natchitoches campus.

SGA elections began yesterday and yielded an average student voter turnout for the first day.

Senator Kelli Miller, who was working at the polls, said that she noticed a better turnout than last year.

"People have been coming steadily throughout the day, and last year they definitely came in spurts," Miller said. "Last year, nobody voted until 10, but we had students voting at 8:15 this morning."

When the polls closed yesterday afternoon, a total of 370 students had voted.

"It was a good turnout, today. We've been busy all day," Henry said.

Henry said that the total average student turnout of a fall election is between 600 and 900 students.

"Judging from today, the turnout will probably be over 700 students," Henry said.

Miller said the polls were the busiest at noon, and the lines lengthened to a 15-minute wait. Students who already signed in received red tickets. If a student had to leave for class, the tickets would allow him or her to vote without having to sign in again.

Elections will continue today until 4:30 p.m. Results will be posted this evening on the doors of the SGA and SAB offices.

If there are any runoffs, voting will take place Sept. 24-25.



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Rex Brown, a freshman nursing major, votes in student elections on Wednesday afternoon.

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Department responded to reports of smoke with two fire trucks. After arriving and examining the studio, firefighters and campus police officers blocked off parts of the south side of Kyser, including several faculty offices, and set up fans to clear the halls of the smoke. Students milled around the blocked passages for several minutes, exchanging rumors and questions about what was going on, before being instructed to use other stairwells to go to class.

There had been no evident fire, with the studio and adjoining production rooms intact and apparently undamaged.

An e-mail from Roy Vallery of the NSU Physical Plant said a 13,800 volt power cable under a Bienvenu Hall parking lot failed. The cable's failure blew a fuse on an electrical feed switch that helped supply power to the west end of campus.

The blown fuse and cable failure caused a "single-phase condition," or a serious disruption in the flow of electricity, that affected most buildings on the west end of campus. According to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Web site, a single-phase condition would allow a motor, such as Kyser's air handlers, to continue running but would also overheat them due to the disrupted energy flow.

Vallery's e-mail cited the single-phase condition as the reason several motors, including air handlers, burned up. He said there was no danger of a fire due to the condition.

University President Randall Webb and several other University administrators were contacted soon after the smoke was reported. Webb soon arrived at Kyser and examined the situation with his aide, physical plant employees and other administrators.

NSU22 director David Antilley said he was in the NSU22 newsroom, separated by a door and a hallway from the TV studio, when he noticed strange behavior from the newsroom's computer monitors.

"They were just clicking on and off," Antilley said. "I unplugged one and plugged it back in to another socket, and it started clicking again. Then I plugged it into another socket and it worked fine.

"That's when I smelled smoke and thought, 'Uh, oh. That's not good.'"

Antilley and student broadcast media technician Roy Davis went into the studio and saw smoke drifting down from the ceiling, illuminated by the studio and auditorium lights. Smoke also filled the studio's audio control room. Antilley said campus police arrived to the studio at about the same time.

Vallery's e-mail said the process of isolating and repairing the faulted cable interrupted power to the west side of campus throughout the day. Rapides and Sabine residence halls and Iberville dining hall both reported 30 to 45 minute outages Friday morning.

Less than an hour after the smoke was reported, Director of Student Support Services Don Barker announced to students standing outside Kyser's north entrance that the building was being closed for the day, all classes scheduled there were being cancelled, and electricity had been cut to much of the west end of campus. Kyser, Fournet, Williamson, Morrison, and Bienvenu halls were without power, as were the Family and Consumer Sciences building, the Health and Human Performance building, and the Teacher Education Center pods.

Power was not cut to Russell Hall and the Creative and Performing Arts buildings, and Barker instructed students to go to classes there as usual. Food service in Iberville continued with some disruption, as staff moved to paper records for recording meal plan and declining balance usage after electronic card reading systems went down. Enough food had already been prepared, however, to continue serving students through the outage.

Classes in all of the buildings except Kyser briefly continued, with many in-progress classes using windowed, sunlit rooms. Some faculty in Fournet Hall, waiting on word from University administrators, considered moving large lecture classes scheduled for blacked-out interior rooms into smaller rooms with windows.

At least Fournet, Williamson and Morrison planned to remain open for class without power until instructed otherwise by administrators.

At about 11 a.m., department heads received notice from administrators that classes in buildings without power had been cancelled for the day. A handful of classes still in session by the announcement continued until they were dismissed.

Physical plant workers and personnel from the city of Natchitoches began repairs on the faulted cable by 2 p.m., restoring power to all of the west end of campus except Watson Library and the Watson Library chiller station, which supplies chilled water for air conditioning to several nearby buildings.

Vallery's e-mail said the cable was repaired by 10 p.m. However, problems resurfaced at the Watson chiller station on Sunday after physical plant workers noticed another current imbalance on one of the chiller's motors.

Repairs to fix the problem began at 5 a.m. Monday morning. Power to the west end of campus was again briefly interrupted as city of Natchitoches workers repaired cables bringing power to campus from the city of Natchitoches. Watson Library and its chiller station were powerless for a couple of hours as physical plant workers repaired the chiller's transformer.

Classes otherwise continued as usual on Monday. Some electronic locks in Kyser Hall were damaged, locking students and faculty out of some offices and a computer lab.

(Athletics Bureau Chief Joshua Barrios, Photo Editor Cheryl Thompson, Administration Bureau Chief Elaine Broussard, photographer Shantel Wempren and staff writer Jimmy Brown contributed to this report.)

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Constitutional amendments flood state election ballot

Introduction by Janet Fontenot
Class writer

Louisiana voters will decide on 15 proposed constitutional amendments in the Oct. 4 statewide election. The newest amendment proposals bring the total of proposals up to 184 since 1974, with 111 approved, according to the public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc.

A PAR internet article quoted Jim Brandt, president of PAR, as saying the number of amendments approved since 1974 indicate a comprehensive review of the state's constitution may be necessary. An analysis of the proposed amendments and Brandt's comments are available online at http://www.la-par.org/

The amendments on the Oct. 4 ballot, according to the PAR, include three proposals related to funding sources for coastal restoration, a proposal that failing schools should be taken over by the state, Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) highway program changes, lottery proceeds dedication, the administrative law system, use of public funds for economic development (two), membership to the workers' compensation corporation board, undoing drafting problems (two), legislative auditor political activity and judges' retirement age.

Registration deadline has passed for the October election, however absentee balloting is from Sept. 22 to Sept. 27. Information on absentee ballots and polling stations in Natchitoches is available from the Louisiana Elections office, 200 Church Street, Natchitoches, or by calling 318-357-2211. Sample ballots for each Natchitoches Parish precinct are available at http://www.sec.state.la.us/cgibin/?rqstyp=BLTPD&rqsdta=10040335. Voter registration deadline for the Nov. 15 runoff is Oct. 14, according to the Registrar of Voters Office.

Proposed amendment No. 1 would provide $35 million annually to be given to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund. It would bring in more money by depositing the mineral revenue settlements funds directly into the Restoration fund. The funds would allow for more highway construction, and the federal government would match the funds raised for highway construction with federal money. People who support the amendment argue that it is important to fund the state's role in the $14 billion project to conserve Louisiana's wetlands. This amendment would be helpful in funding the cost and "would demonstrate Louisiana's willingness and ability to pay its share," according to the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana Web site.

People who oppose the Amendment argue that more research should be done before any more money is given to the restoration efforts. Opponents also argue that efforts to preserve the wetlands are pointless. According to the Web site, opponents "propose that a more logical solution would be to let nature take its course and dedicate funding instead to moving coastal communities out of harm's way."

Darla Williford

Proposed amendment No. 2 would create the Louisiana Restoration Fund. The fund would take twenty percent of the revenues from the state's tobacco-settlement, placing the money in the state's treasury. The Coastal Restoration Fund would take 20 percent of the revenues from the 60 percent it is getting for the Millennium Trust, which is used to create funds for the Health Excellence Fund, Education Excellence and TOPS Fund. The revenues would come from the future sale of tobacco products in the state, but it would stay dormant except if the settlement is to be sold. The money would be used by the legislature for programs that would help reduce the wearing away of Louisiana's coast and wetlands.

People who support the amendment argue that the amendment would put money in a fund that would help restore Louisiana's coast and wetlands. The amendment would also get money to help preserve Louisiana's wetlands without having to increase taxes or decrease funds for other services. Some also argue that by adding the proposed amendment to Louisiana's state constitution, it would show the state's willingness to help restore the wetlands.

People who oppose the amendment argue that the Louisiana Restoration Fund would take the money from the Millennium Trust, which is already an insufficient fund. Taking 20 percent from the tobacco-settlement revenues would subtract $1.9 million from programs that help with public schools and health care. Another argument against the proposed amendment is that the money from the tobacco-settlement should be given to programs that are related closely to the revenues from the settlement, such as health care.

Kindra Watson

Proposed amendment No. 3 would permit the Louisiana legislature " to limit the state's liability for all damages caused by coastal restoration projects."

The state of Louisiana now faces a $2.2 billion court payment to oyster farmers resulting from damaged leases the farmers had in the early 1990s. Due to raised salt levels in the water, more than 200 oyster farmers suffered losses with waterbeds that were not suitable for cultivation.

According to the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, people who support the amendment believe there should be a limit on the amount of money the state can award for damage of private property due to the on-going coastal restoration projects. According to the Council, plaintiffs are receiving more than the total cost for the past 100 years and want to assure that the state has the proper funds to continue their restoration to coastal property. A vote for the bill assures the security of the funds and gives some compensation to the losses of those who lease coastal property.

People who oppose the amendment believe oyster farmers are legally entitled to compensation for their present and future losses according the public affairs research council of Louisiana. They believe that the law should apply to other private property owners as well. Officials have estimated that the restoration to the coastal property could affect almost three-quarters of the private oyster beds and possibly wipe them out. A vote against the bill allows property owners to receive damages without a limit on compensation.

Amy K. Wakefield

Proposed amendment No. 4 would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take temporary control of failing schools. According to a national survey, Louisiana schools are not ranked among the nation's best.

People who support this amendment are, for the most part, school superintendents.

The Louisiana Governor's Web site stated, "The passing of this amendment would give the superintendents the leverage they need to make big changes in failing schools." The Board would allow for an adequate supply of teachers by "providing scholarships and stipends for prospective teachers in areas where there is a critical shortage." The board will also provide money to fund school remediation programs.

If the Board fails to gain control of the failing schools, the local school systems will remain in control.

John Smith

Proposed amendment No. 5 would change the selection process for three of the 12 seats on the Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation's board of directors. This amendment would do away with the current selection methods and would demand that the three seats be filled from two separate lists of three qualified individuals. The amendment would also change the criteria for one of the positions, requiring that the individual be licensed by the state to sell worker's insurance and to have held an executive level position in the same field.

People who support the amendment believe that it will further solidify the importance of the decade old corporation. In a presentation to the Baton Rouge Press Club, the amendment was touted by backers as advancing "LWCC's mission of providing stability and affordability in worker's compensation." The fact that the organization would now be able to operate as a private mutual insurance company w... also being presented by the backers a... reason to pass the amendment.

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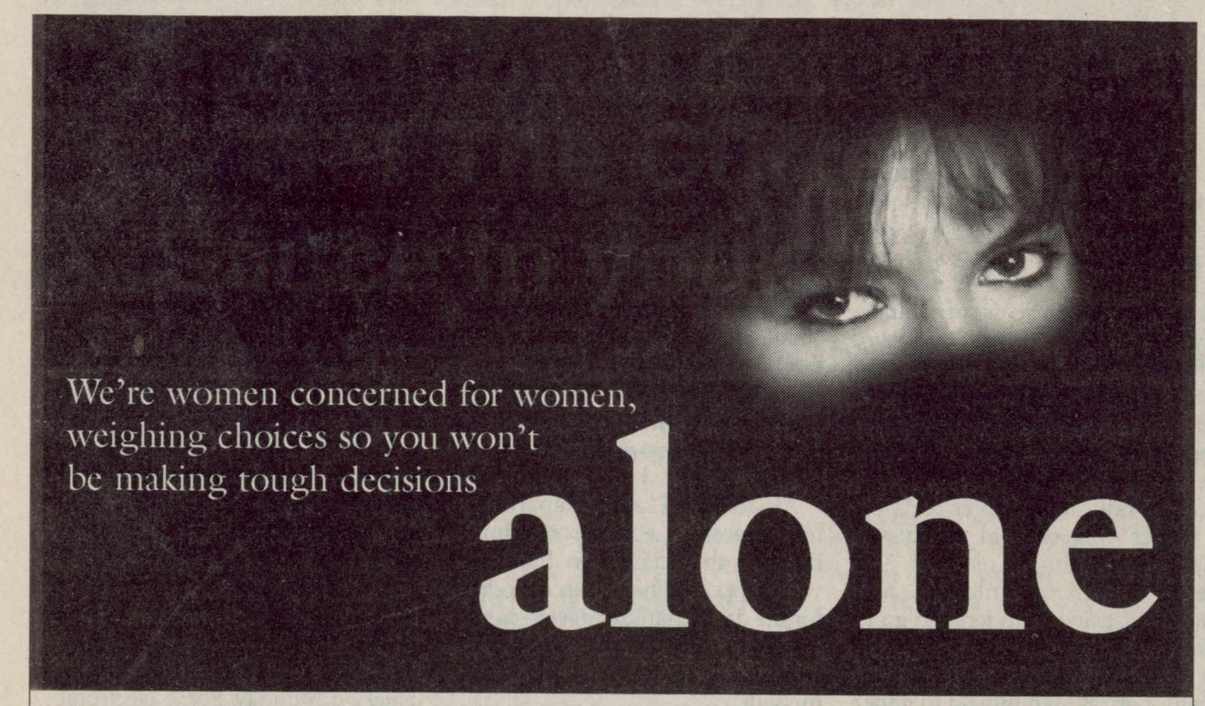
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Shameka Peter

Proposed amendment No. 7 woul... allow the state to set up an infrastru... ture bank. The bank would use publ... money to provide low-interest loans t... public or private entities for the deve... opment of roads and highways. If th... amendment is passed, the Louisian... Infrastructure Bank will be operable a... soon as the funds become available.

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NSU 22 upgrades equipment

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NSU 22 features new equipment and provides students with quality working skills.

"We have started receiving new digital equipment and digital editors," said Director for NSU 22 David Antilley,. "Hopefully, by the end of the semester, we will be completely digital. Our picture quality will be better."

Antilley also gave insight on a new idea that would make the broadcast even more exciting.

"We will be doing newsroom/anchor tosses, where one of our reporters will be in the newsroom and the anchor will toss a story to the reporter where they will lead in their package and then the package would be played. Then the reporter will toss it back to the anchor on the set," Antilley said.

NSU 22 also gives students an opportunity to receive hands-on experience. Returning news anchor Leigh-Ann Culbert, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, wishes to gain more experience for her future career outside the classroom.

"What better way to get comfortable in front of the camera with practice. Plus, employers not only care about a good grade point average, but having experience helps tremendously. NSU 22 is a great way to prepare myself for what I want to do," Culbert said.

Auditions for the cast and crewmembers were held on Sept. 9. Alongside Culbert, Katie Durio, Shelley Sparks, and Mandy Ward were chosen for the anchor and executive producer positions. Assistant producers and anchor backups are Kayla Brosett, Chamara Daily, Lauren Kennedy, LaTosha Lewis, Tressa Martin, and D'nea Tyler. Kim Jaques and Brodie Vidrine will give the weather forecasts. The weather backup is Kallie Menard. John Smith and Mark Wethington will cover sports while Constance Perkins and Andrae Trepagnier will serve as the sports backups. Shantel Wempren and Kaley Wilkens will coordinate the teleprompter.

On Friday, three motors in the air conditioning system, located in the ceiling of the newsroom and NSU 22 set, overheated and produced much smoke. Despite the air-conditioning mishap, NSU 22 will still make its debut broadcast for this semester on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The broadcast will air live weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

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Kelli Miller

Proposed amendment No. 8 would exempt oil companies from paying property taxes for storing, converting or renovating on land drilling rigs to be used in the Outer Continental Shelf. According to the Public Affairs Research Council, if the amendment passes, a vote would be called in each parish on whether to continue taxes within that parish.

People who support the amendment say it will create jobs for the state. The proposed tax exemptions would attract international oil companies to Louisiana. According to the Louisiana Governor's Office Web site, Louisiana received only 1 percent of what one international company spent last year, whereas states that already exempted property taxes on on-shore rigs received 20 to 80 percent.

People who oppose the amendment say it provides only another possible tax break to those who do not need it and does not guarantee any significant job creation. Furthermore, according to the Liberal State Monitor Web site, the shifting oil market, compounded with the ongoing war overseas, lends little faith in the economic rationality of this tax exemption.

Anthony McKaskle

Proposed Amendment No. 9 would allow revenue from lottery ticket sales to aid state schools. It would also limit the money to help those with gambling problems. The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana Web site states, "Most importantly it would make sure that the use of the lottery proceeds would only be used for these two specified purposes with the majority being used for improving state educational systems."

People who support the amendment, according to the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, feel good that their money will also provide help for those with gambling problems. The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana said, "The citizens in favor of the amendment believe it will correct the errors in the current lottery proceeds amendments approved by voters in 1990."

People who oppose the amendment do not believe it is really going to accomplish anything, according to the report of The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana. They say it dedicates a state revenue to an unrelated expenditure, thus reducing flexibility of the legislature in making decisions concerning funding the state's total budget. The Council Web site states, "the citizens argue that the impact of this change would be negligible, because lottery revenues only make up around 4 percent of state funding for education and 2 percent of the total cost of education."

Y'esha Jackson

Proposed amendment No. 10 would authorize the legislature to change from a statutory law system to an administrative law system. This change would give Louisiana the right to judicial review of administrative law judges' decisions. Currently, Louisiana's state agencies do not have the right to review these decisions.

People who support the amendment would be in favor of priority hearings (such as child custody hearings) thereby, reducing the state's caseloads.

Coushatta resident Virginia Colclasure said there needs to be a system of checks and balances put into place.

"Right now there is the ability to appeal," she said, and she believes that this should be kept because not all judges always make the right decisions.

People who oppose the amendment would like to keep the current law system in place. This would leave Louisiana's state agencies without the right to appeal any decisions made by an administrative law judge. Those who oppose also understand that elected officials are accountable to voting citizens, whereas the administrative law judges are appointed.

Theresa Huffman

Amendment No. 11, known as the Budget Stabilization Fund, lifts the prohibition on the use of parish or city tax revenues dedicated to economic development. This fund was set aside when the state had surplus revenue. The amendment would let local governments give money to private businesses for economic growth. The money received from the surplus revenue would be used for buying property, buildings, factories and machinery, and preservation.

People who support the amendment believe the Budget Stabilization Fund would help support the "Rainy Day Fund." Both will assist the government during financially rough times by not allowing the state to do large budget cuts or raise taxes. Supporters also believe the fund would contribute to a low state debt if passed.

People who oppose the amendment do not support the proposal because of the possibility of corruption and the use of misappropriated funds. Also, the amendment would only allow certain businesses to develop economically.

Rochelle Holmes

Proposed amendment no. 12 deals with the issue of contraband. State law currently gives law enforcement officers the right to confiscate illegal items related to drug crimes. According to the Public Affairs Council of Louisiana, the amendment would expand the current law by giving officers more power in confiscating items of any crime.

According to The Public Affairs Council of Louisiana, this will remove any doubt as to what can be taken by police officers and may prevent future court cases.

Information provided by the Public Affairs Council of Louisiana states that people who oppose the amendment believe that the legislature wants more power. Some people also argue that this amendment is already clear and needs no discussion.

Warren Hayes

Proposed amendment No. 13 would allow parishes to buy real estate using taxes and bonds reserved for industrial and economic development. It would also permit the local government to allow a person, association or corporation to lease state property under a strict agreement.

People who support the amendment are mostly industrial developers who want to be able to offer beginning firms a chance to use governmental facilities at a low cost. The public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana Web site states, "Proponents stress that a vote of the local taxpayers would be required to approve the dedicated tax referred to in this amendment."

People who oppose the amendment are concerned with potential recipients abusing their privileges. According to the Web site, the comprehensiveness of the proposal is also a major concern.

"It would allow the donation of any immovable property owned by local government regardless of how it was obtained or its intended purpose," the Web site states.

Ashley Gordon

Proposed amendment No. 14 would prohibit certain political activities by the legislative auditor and his staff and would prohibit future legislative auditors from running for public office within two years of leaving office.

The legislative auditor's function is to audit the fiscal records of state and local agencies and serve as a fiscal advisor to the Legislature. This proposal was made in reaction to the former legislative auditor who raised $30,000 in campaign contributions for himself prior to resigning from office to run for governor.

According to the Louisiana Public Affairs Research Council Web site, proponents of the amendment said the amendment is needed to "maintain credibility of the legislative auditor's office. Restricting the political activity of the legislative auditor and staff would reduce claims of political interference and strengthen the office's integrity."

According to Council opponents of the amendment, "there is no need for a constitutional amendment when the internal policy of the office, in place for over a decade, far exceeds the limits on political activity placed on most other state employees. They argue further that the amendment simply adds unnecessary detail to the constitution that would be better placed in statutory law. Also, they say the amendment may potentially weaken prohibitions currently restricting the political activity of employees."

Samantha Foley

Proposed amendment No. 15 would enable all judges the right to complete a term of office despite their age. According to the state's constitution, "a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventieth birthday." This proposed amendment would make it possible for any judge to finish his term even if his seventieth birthday falls during that time frame.

The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana Web site states that people who support the amendment will help "save the state money by eliminating the need for special elections to replace judges who turn seventy during their terms," said the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana. People now live longer; therefore, several judges decide to wait later in life to begin their careers.

According to the Web site, "opponents see the amendment simply as an attempt to bypass the mandatory retirement age of seventy."

In addition, the Web site stated that a retirement age increase was denied by voters in 1995.

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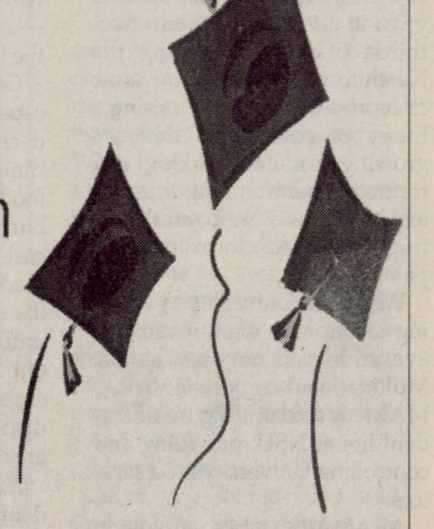
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Editorial

Communication could help ARAMARK

For the fourth straight year, NSU's fall enrollment has broken records. With more than 10,000 students for the second year in a row — about two-thirds of them attending the Natchitoches campus in some fashion — students are raising a litany of complaints that are growing familiar: parking and traffic are painful, long lines for expensive food are painful, getting a wanted dorm room is painful.

While the University is working to improve what it can, not everything is in its hands. Multinational corporation ARAMARK is a central figure of student life at NSU, providing and controlling University food services.

ARAMARK, while employing many people at NSU, has to face the challenge of serving thousands of students daily. Making communication work between ARAMARK and students must be a priority in order to succeed.

Through features like their napkin comment boards and surveys, ARAMARK reaps plenty of feedback from students. But several problems that some students have with ARAMARK stem from a lack of communication back from ARAMARK to them.

Take, for instance, the 10A meal plan. While it's the student's responsibility to look into meal plans before paying for them, it's hard to resist getting —and for penny-pinched students, often necessary to get — the cheapest meal plan without asking any questions.

The end result: many students are unprepared to deal with a meal plan that won't serve weekend meals or more than two meals per day, then blame ARAMARK for not getting a weekend lunch, or dinner when they've already eaten breakfast and lunch, because many believe10 meals a week means 10 meals whenever they want them.

By thoroughly explaining how the meal plans work, not just in a brochure but also as an integral part of Freshman Connection, more students would know which meal plan suits them best — and not just which one costs the least.

Compounding the problem, especially for students using declining balances or cash at campus eateries, are the prices of food. It's not just that a cheeseburger and a 20 oz. soft drink costs twice as much for half the food of most fast food eateries — it's that the cost isn't displayed until the food reaches the checkout counter. Price lists are few, especially in Vic's, and periodic discounts, specials or coupons are even less common.

It's understandable that students are paying at least a little extra for the convenience of an on-campus meal. However, charging amusement park prices to college students — especially those locked into Disney World-length lines and declining balance accounts full of Demon Dollars that can't go to a competitor — can only foster ill will.

ARAMARK has certainly improved parts of its service over the last few years as it strives to cope with a burgeoning campus population. They also rely on facilities the University provides. But if ARAMARK goes an extra mile to give students more practical information about food service, from detailed price lists to nutritional information, students may feel more like they're getting their money's worth.

Signed,

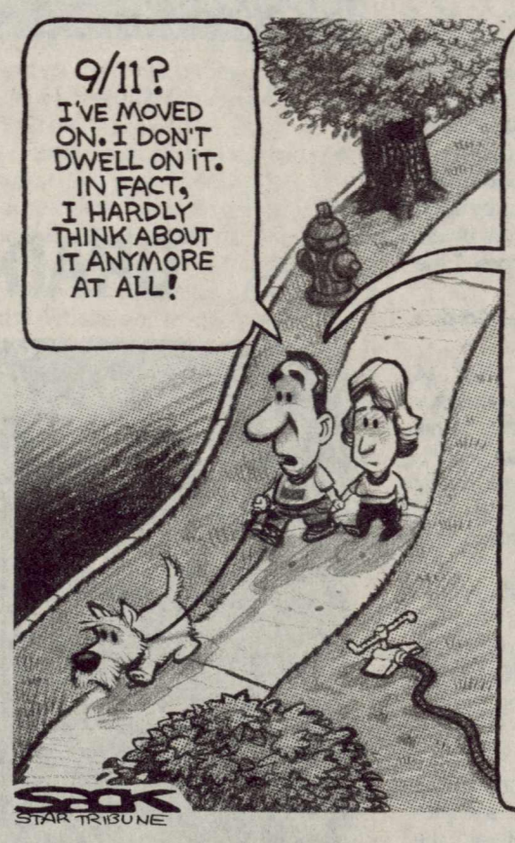
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> **Friedrich Von Schiller**
> German dramatist, poet, and historian.
> *Piccolomini*, act 4, sc. 5, as translated by Coleridge.

September 11: Reflections

Examining and appreciating changes since 9/11

By Ashley Gordon
Staff writer

Exactly two years have passed since four planes were hijacked and crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, killing more than three thousand people.

As a result of 9/11 our country has changed in several different ways. From increasing security in airports to legislating new laws, the United States has increased its awareness of terrorism. Soon after the attacks, troops were sent to Afghanistan and Iraq in search of those who were allegedly behind the attacks. The lives of not only the families of those who were killed in the attacks were changed, but also the families of those who were sent to fight the War on Terrorism.

Throughout the last two years, the lives of many Americans have been deeply affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Since 9/11 many people have gained a greater respect for the military, the president, and the law enforcement

J.D. Thornton, instructor of Criminal Justice, said, "I have always held the highest regard for those persons that are sworn to uphold the law. For 20 years or so the public has generally ignored these valiant young men and women. With 9/11 we saw police and fire responders doing just what they are trained to do.....protect us, the general public. I cannot say that my personal awareness of their heroism has increased. They have been heroes to me for as long as I have been honored to be associated with them."

Many students at NSU have increased their patriotism over the last two years by joining the military to help fight in the name of America. Others, such as SGA president Greg Comeaux, have chosen to stay here on campus to do their part. Comeaux and the SGA have made it a point to increase political education among the students.

"More students are more interested in politics," Comeaux said.

While the country has increased its efforts to secure the land and its citizens, many still fear terrorism. Computer information systems major Alisha Howard fears that more danger could be ahead.

"I feel that we are in even more danger now than we were before 9/11," Howard said.

Yet others are assured that the country is totally secured.

"I feel the country is safer now because of the last two years," Comeaux said.

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In the world after September 11, we must move on

By Shantel Wempren
Staff photographer

I will remember what I was doing on September 11, 2001 for the rest of my life.

Appropriately enough, I was in history class. A teacher passed by and said that he thought one of the Twin Towers had been hit, but he wasn't sure.

My history teacher carted us off to the library to work on our papers. While in the library I was tapped by the librarian and told to come into the back room.

I stood there in horror and was gripped by fear as I watched the second plane crash into the second tower. My legs were weak when the buildings collapsed. So much for having a good day. It was all over the news, and for a whole day I felt horrible and wondered if it was really the end of the world. Thank you, Nostradamus.

Then it became corporate. Everyone had a flag on their car. Everyone had a flag on their house. *Everyone was patriotic* — bandwagon patriots.

Now I hate to hear September 11 mentioned. I hate not being able to open a newspaper without seeing something about September 11. I hate that the president has justified a war by saying "September 11..." And I hate how the victims' families have been treated. None of us will ever be able to forget, but they will never be able to put it behind them.

I felt the backlash. I felt remorse. I felt anger. I felt pain. I felt hate.

Violence begets violence. Innocent people died. More innocent people will die everyday if someone doesn't stop blaming the faults of the world on September 11. It has to end with someone saying: "It was a tragedy that we will mourn forever. But now we have to look at the world and see where we can make improvements rather than continue to seek revenge."

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Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



Letters to the Editor

Sauce a journalistic failure; editor has bad taste in hats

Wow, I've got to say, The Current Sauce seems to be a paper better suited for clown school than NSU. I think it's time that the editor and staff of our campus's only weekly publication start taking their roles more seriously as the buffering ground between the tactless filth that graces the pages of the C.S. and the responsible writing we students deserve to read.

Perhaps they could start by taking more appropriate photos to be published alongside thier "columns". Right off the bat, I have a hard time taking anything seriously from a guy who finds the goofiest hat in his closet to pose in so that readers might recognize him.

Regardless, The Current Sauce should be ashamed of the blatant disregard for tasteful, responsible journlism. An apology is definately warranted, but is too little, too late, in my opinion. I don't claim to know what happened behind the scenes(as E.L.B.III apparently does), but I do know that there is a time and place for everything, and there should be no room for the haphazard writing seen in our paper that can only be compared to a monster truck rally.

How far does the Current Sauce feel it needs to go to get people to read it? How humiliating it is that the president of the university isn't even surprised at the paper's "business as usual" content! I like to think that I go to the best school I can afford, and I'm ashamed that the only paper it can muster is sub-tabloid material.

Brian M. Borsics
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Reader suggests improvements to campus

To my fellow students: It was brought to my attention by my roommate that students at other universities actually "like" their school. This is my fourth year at NSU and I happen to enjoy it. But, I do have a few things to get off my chest.

It annoys me that this university spent thousands of dollars on a Segway (in Sporty's catalog they list at $4,995 + $99 for shipping). They expect us to walk from the Coliseum to class, but they can't walk around the parking lot to issue tickets? Plus, this expensive pogo stick sent an officer to the hospital the first week of its use. Why wasn't that money used for road or parking lot repair? I've heard many a car's rattle from all the pot holes.

Why are the parking lots repainted every semester? One semester the curbs were color coded, only for the paint to wash off after a few heavy rains.

Why does Aramark keep your meal plan money at the end of the semester? The student's options: Buy their food in bulk (which expires in a month- I bought a box of Dorito's that had to be thrown away), or you let it all go back to them. Either way, they get your money. And, students living in residence halls must buy a meal plan, unless Housing excepts your exemption form.

I'm also confused as to why we have shut down a residence hall to turn it into offices. How many students did they have to turn away this semester because the dorms were full? Why not renovate the building and turn it into a nice dorm? I thought the "students came first," not the employees.

Besides these certain annoyances, NSU is a pretty fun place to attend. The overall treatment of students is good, and most everyone I've met in three years has been friendly. But, as I write this I wonder, will anyone actually do anything about it, or will our money be spent senslessly? Here's a suggestion: pave the parking lot, then paint it.

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Music review

Perfect Circle a smart trip

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Out of the din of mainstream rock and pop music, A Perfect Circle's latest album Thirteenth Step barrels out and pummels the clone bands left in its wake.

Frontman Maynard James Keenan dominates the album vocally, singing flawlessly over mind-twisting rhythms. Keenan holds the reigns of the songs, leading them along gracefully and effortlessly.

Drummer Josh Freese is the horse that provides support and movement through the album. His popcorn percussion doesn't dominate the music but carries the heart and soul of the whole CD, providing Keenan and guitarist Billy Howerdel the platform on which to drive the band.

The songs are haunting and inspiring at times. The first track, "The Package," begins with a playful lead guitar riff that draws you in simply and then tears and rips at your ears for six and a half minutes of ups, downs, speed and rhythm changes that shake the foundations of mainstream rock and heavy metal.

By the fifth track, "Vanishing," Keenan is whispering in your ear in a steady, grinding rhythm that sucks you in and keeps you buckled into the music for the rest of the album.

The peak of the record shouldn't be given away, but the comedown track, "The Nurse who Loved Me," not only brings the album back down out of the clouds, but opens a window to a side of A Perfect Circle that is unexpected at best. Keenan sings sweetly over an ethereal stream of stringed instruments about a patient that is convinced his nurse is in love with him (I'm takin' her home with me/ all dressed in white/ she's got everything I need/ pharmacy keys/ she's falling for me).

The only disappointment came with the lack of a remarkable finish. The end of the album came much like a "To be continued..." flag at the end of a spectacular Hollywood cliffhanger. The mellow, calm-down finish doesn't take away from the rest of the album but does leave you wondering what's next from A Perfect Circle and how it could possibly top this shameless display of skill and creativity.

Piano series starts Friday

Pianist Alexander Tutunov will present a concert at Northwestern State University Friday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The concert is part of the Louisiana Piano Series International. NSU Assistant Professor of Piano Nikita Fitenko is the series organizer.

Tickets for the entire concert series is $20 or $10 for each individual concert. Admission is free for any college, elementary or secondary school student in Louisiana.

Tutunov was awarded the highest post graduate degree in concert performance from the Byelorussian State Conservatory in Minsk. He won first prize in the Byelorussian National Piano Competition, and was a winner of the Russian National Piano Competition. Tutunov has performed extensively in the former Soviet Union, Poland, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and the United States as a recitalist, soloist with orchestra, and on radio and television.

For more information on the Louisiana Piano International Series, call (318) 357-5763 or go to www.fitenko.com/pianoseries.

Buffing up the meat pie

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Sunday morning, while most of Natchitoches is still sleeping, the ducks on Cane River Lake will be joined by at least 200 athletes flutter kicking their way through a half-mile loop.

This is how the first annual Meat Pie Triathlon will start. Then there is a 20 mile bike ride around town before the final leg, a 3.1 mile run under what the triathlon Web site describes as a "beautiful canopy of oaks along the lake."

Three NSU students competing in the triathlon have entered under the sponsorship of Quizno's Subs, where one of them works. Charlie Percy, a senior criminal justice major works at the sandwich store and has been training for the race for months.

"Two of the events are what I love doing the most," Percy said about the running and biking phases of the race. He said he could swim moderately well, but he has been training more by running or biking.

Biking in any race can be made more or less difficult by the type of bike the rider is using. Road bikes are usually the ones used in races like the Meat Pie Triathlon. The wheels are smooth instead of full of ridges like its cousin, the mountain bike. Mountain bikes will generally slow down the competitor when racing on paved road surfaces.

"My church gave me a bike," Percy said. He said he rides with the priest at Holy Cross Catholic Church often, and the priest gave Percy and old road bike to use in the triathlon.

Percy's determination has been reflected in his regular training schedule with friends. Fellow NSU seniors and rowing teammates Dave May, Seth Fornea and Richard Lynch are also training with Percy.

"We have almost a routine schedule of when we bike, swim and run," Lynch said.

"It has been a lot easier to train with my teammates Seth and Charlie."

"I run a five mile loop around Natchitoches," Fornea said. "I swim an 1100 meter loop in Sibley Lake, and there's a 20-30 mile bike loop that I do out on Hwy. 1."

Fornea, Percy and May started competing in triathlons this summer. Fornea said the experience was different from other athletic activities he has been involved in.

"I felt like I was branching out more because I had never done it before. I had never combined three sports into one event consecutively," Fornea said.

Lynch, Fornea and Percy are all being sponsored by Quizno's Subs. None of them said they were nervous about the race.

"I'm going to have the support of my friends and my mom," Lynch said. His mother is driving down from Bossier City to see him race.

"I'm doing it for fun, but I'm also doing it to be competitive. That's why I've been training so hard," Lynch said.

May is entering the race independently. He has been training with the other guys and is excited about Sunday. Unlike Fornea, Percy and Lynch, May does not have a road bike. He will be riding his mountain bike.

"I'm going to be a little handicapped. 'I'm doing it the tough way," May said. He does feel well trained for the rest of the triathlon.

"I'm probably more ready for the run. I've just been running more in my life than swimming," May said.

The triathlon is on the third day of the first annual Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival. The deadline for early entry for the triathlon has passed so the entry fee is now $55 instead of $45.

Keri Fidelak, chairman of the festival said that each competitor will receive a gift bag with visors, t-shirts and local coupons.

"Everyone that enters gets a medal," Fidelak said. The triathlon champions will win trophies and gift baskets.

"We have people from all over the state of Louisiana," Fidelak said about the competitors. She said entrants are also traveling from Colorado, Texas and Georgia.

This is the first time in three years that there has been a triathlon in Natchitoches, Fidelak said. The idea for the festival and triathlon was just that—an idea that no one in the community was interested in acting on. Then Fidelak decided to do it.

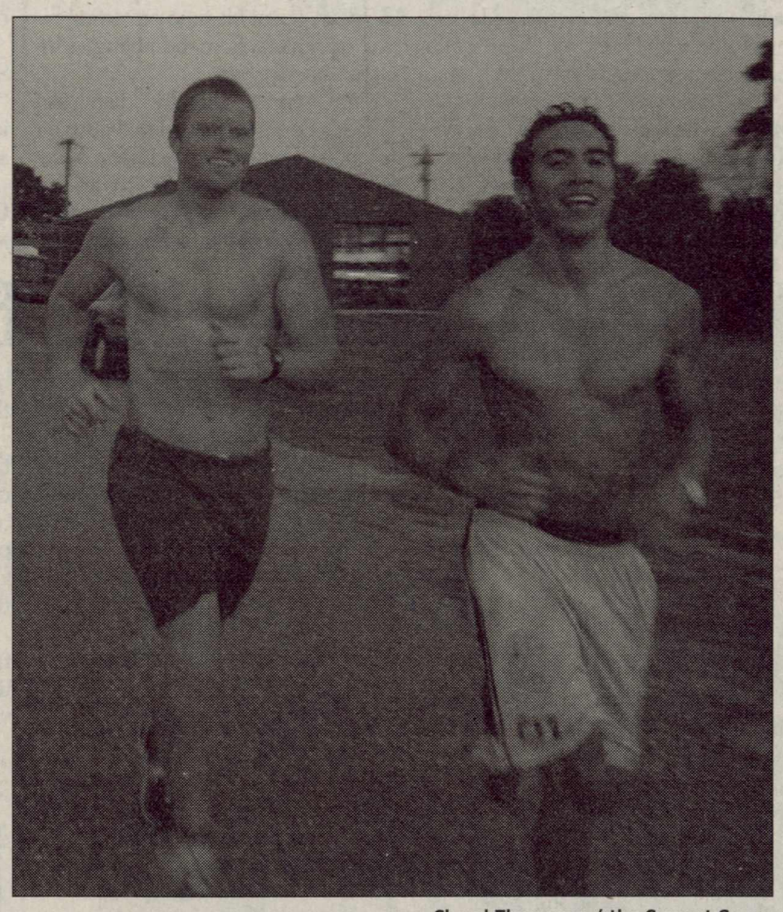
"I said, 'That's a great idea. I'll do it.'," Fidelak said. In addition to the festival Fidelak and her husband run the local bed and breakfast Maison Lousiane. She has a four-year-old daughter and is expecting another child in a few months.

Fidelak said her busy schedule is enjoyable.

It's a lot of hard work, but it's very rewarding," Fidelak said.

The festival starts on the downtown riverbank Friday at noon with a brown bag lunch and the musical group River's Revue. It continues over the next two days and features events like meat pie history lessons, concerts, beauty pageants, a meat pie eating contest and meat pie cooking contests.

More information about the festival can be found at www.meatpiefestival.com



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Seth Fornea and Rich Lynch train for the Meat Pie Triathlon set for Sunday.

'Once Upon A Time In Mexico' slings in three stars

Movie review

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Robert Rodriguez's Once Upon A Time In Mexico is the most beautiful gun slinging action movie to come along since...well, Robert Rodriguez's Desperado.

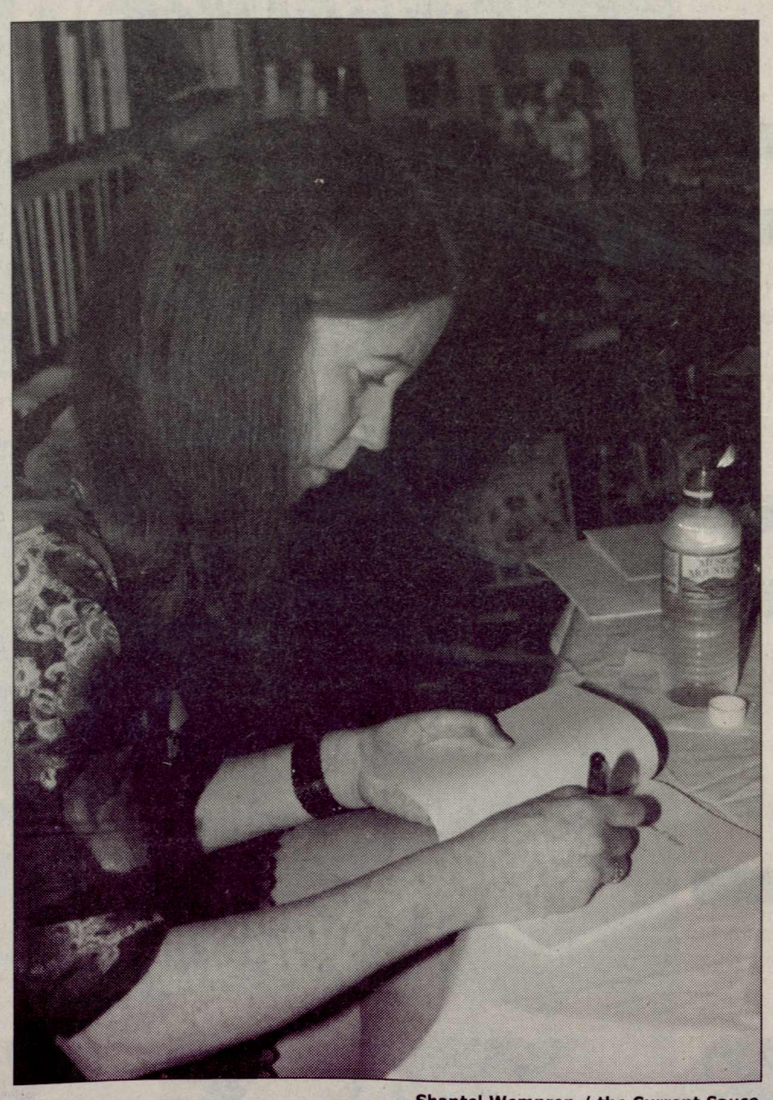
The plot concerns a guitar-carrying hitman known only as "El" (Antonio Banderas) who is pulled into the highly volatile world of political intrigue by a morally challenged CIA agent named Sands (Johnny Depp).

This is the third in the El Mariachi series of movies by Robert Rodriguez, but if you haven't seen any of them, don't worry; there's little meaningful connection between them save the recurring Mariachi character.

Besides, thinking too hard about the details of the plot would miss the point of the film entirely, which is to string one action sequence or breath-taking vista to the next. The one-liners in the film are among the worst ever committed to film, paper, memory, or cable television; at one point Depp's character asks a henchman if he is "a Mexican or a Mexi-can't." But ultimately, the script is of little importance and takes a backseat to the often stunning visuals.

In fact, the film would be much more powerful if it were completely devoid of dialogue so the superb cinematography and score (both by Rodriguez) could stand on their own. The action sequences are topnotch and extremely stylized while still remaining highly inventive. Towards the end of the film, however, this visual splendor starts to fall apart. The action scenes become more and more exaggerated and unrealistic, all but destroying the viewer's willing suspension of disbelief.

As the credits rolled, I felt disappointed at all the wasted potential of the movie, yet still willing to forgive Rodriguez for the valiant effort he put forth. I give Once Upon A Time In Mexico three stars out of five.



Shantel Wempren / the Current Sauce
NSU professor Julie Kane signs books at The Book Merchant on Saturday.

Professor promotes award-winning poetry at signing

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Several dozen students, faculty and community members attended a book signing event Saturday for associate English professor Julie Kane's national award-winning poetry collection "Rhythm & Booze."

The Book Merchant, an independent bookstore on Front Street, hosted the event to celebrate the book's publication. Kane signed books, read selections of her poetry and spoke with people in the crowd.

"Rhythm & Booze," Kane's second published collection of poetry, was one of five selections in the 2003 National Poetry Series Open Competition. In the Series, a panel of five established poets, each representing a participating publisher, selects a manuscript from those submitted for publication. Pulitzer prize-winning poet Maxine Kumin selected "Rhythm & Booze" for publication by the University of Illinois press.

Previous series selections include National Book Critics' Circle Award-winning My Alexandria by Mark Doty in 1992, and national poet laureate Billy Collins' Questions About Angels from 1990. In addition to having her manuscript published, Kane, as well as the other selected poets, received a $1,000 prize.

"Rhythm & Booze" will also be a featured work at the Louisiana Book Festival on November 8 at the State Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana State Capitol, both in Baton Rouge.

The 65-page book is available in paperback and hardcover editions from bookstores, online booksellers, or direct from the University of Illinois press.

For an interview with Julie Kane about "Rhythm & Booze," check *the Sauce* archives online at **www.currentsauce.com**

"NSU assistant english professor acknowledged..."
Sept. 26, 2002

Advice Diva

By Tara Solomon
KRT Campus

Go on, blow whistle on the lecherous lout

Dear Advice Diva:
Last weekend I was at a party and my friend's husband started coming on to me. He first commented on how sexy I looked and then asked if I was dating anyone. When I said I wasn't, he said that any guy would be lucky to have me, including him! What a creep! I was mortified and just sort of smiled, then got away as fast as I could. I avoided him and my friend for the rest of the night. What should I have done? Should I say something to my friend or just let it drop? This is really bothering me.
—Cammie

Dear Cammie:
What you should have told Creepo: "You are married to my friend. Why are you flirting with me? I don't appreciate it and I'm sure she wouldn't either. Excuse me."

Should you bust him? That's a subjective call. Most women wouldn't. The Advice Diva? She certainly would.

Dear Advice Diva:
I have recently discovered that my best friend of 10 years has been talking about me behind my back. She has insulted my boyfriend, my family and my choice of decorating (I bought new furniture for my apartment recently and she kept complimenting my taste!). I trust the person who has revealed the truth to me, but I don't know if I should confront my friend or not.
—Shocked in Hollywood

Dear Shocked:
You owe it to yourself and your friend to clear the air. Keep in mind that if your friend is truly a backstabber, she probably won't admit it. Watch her reactions closely when you talk to her. If she fidgets, looks away or gets defensive, chances are your source is correct. If you're unsure what to do, take some space to sort things out.

Dear Advice Diva:
What do you do when your best friend has no regard for your privacy? "Suzy" and I have been best friends since we were in grade school. We talk every day and discuss what's going on in our lives. Suzy, though, wants too many details. If I mention that I bought new shoes, she'll ask how much they cost. She's always been a bit nosy, but this is getting out of hand. How do I stop her without insulting her?
—Enough Already

Dear Enough:
Deflect. Instead of trying to come up with answers to Suzy's barrage of questions, just toss out something innocuous ("Oh, I don't really remember," always works) and then change the subject. If she goes back to the question, ask her why she wants to know. If she has a good reason, you may choose to answer. If not, you will have started to break this pattern of persistent questioning.

Dear Advice Diva:
Recently my best friend—I'll call her "Stacy" — borrowed an outfit while she was visiting my apartment. We had been to the beach and decided to go to the movies, and she needed something better to wear. The dress she borrowed may have looked casual but it was expensive and when she returned it a week later it looked like it had been through a war! She had washed it for me, she said, even though I told her that I would have it cleaned (it was dry clean only).

Now I'm stuck with a ruined dress and I'm P.O.-ed.

What do I say?
—Never Again

Dear Never:
Don't let a fashion trauma destroy your friendship. Do advise her, though, that next time to please not launder anything of yours and tell her why.

Questions for the **Advice Diva** may be e-mailed to advicediva@tarasolomon.com or sent to The Advice Diva, The Herald, 1 Herald Plaza, 5th floor, Miami, FL 33132.

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'Three's Company' star dies at 54 of undetected heart problem

By Hal Boedeker
KRT Campus

Most actors detest docudramas about their lives. Not John Ritter. He praised an NBC film earlier this year about "Three's Company," befriended the actor who played him and saluted former co-star Joyce DeWitt, who co-produced the tell-all about the ABC sitcom.

"The thing I loved was what Joyce said at the end," Ritter said in a phone interview this spring. "With all that's been said and done, we all do care about each other. This movie tries to highlight the dark side, but it was so much fun. We knew how much fun we were having."

Ritter, who helped turn "Three's Company" into one of the biggest hits of 1970s and 1980s, died Thursday from a heart problem that had gone undetected. His publicist cited a dissection of the aorta as the cause. Ritter would have turned 55 next week.

His death threw into doubt the future of his current sitcom, "8 Simple Rules ... for Dating My Teenage Daughter." Ritter became ill on the set Thursday and later died at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, actress Amy Yasbeck, and their daughter, Stella, who turned 5 Thursday. He had three grown children from a previous marriage: Jason, Carly and Tyler.

The Tuesday series was a modest success when it debuted last season, but ABC executives trumpeted it as a sign of the broadcaster's turnaround. A network statement read: "All of us at ABC, Touchstone Television and the Walt Disney Co. are shocked and heartbroken at the terrible news of John's passing."

His death is a major blow to the Disney-owned network because, quite simply, he was the show as well-meaning but exasperated father Paul Hennessy. His passing raised speculation: How do they continue with the show? And could any actor replace Ritter?

There was wonderful irony in the casting of Ritter on "8 Simple Rules": Hennessy spent his time protecting his two daughters from bumbling skirt-chasers like Tripper.

Many critics initially dismissed "Three's Company" as a lewd farce for its double entendres and racy situations. It looks pretty tame today, but Ritter's brilliant work keeps it entertaining. He won an Emmy as best comedy actor in 1984.

On the sitcom that ran from 1977 to 1984, the lusty Tripper was roommates with two women, Janet Wood (DeWitt) and Chrissy Snow (Suzanne Somers). The series often made headlines for Somers' squabbles with producers for more money. She was written out of the show in 1981.

Ritter reveled in his success but never played the prima donna. Born Sept. 17, 1948, he was the son of singing cowboy Tex Ritter, and he understood the ways of show business.

In a 1991 interview with the Orlando Sentinel, he talked about his film "Problem Child." "It's a movie the critics loved to hate and the public loved to see," he said.

Then he was shooting "Problem Child 2" in Orlando, and he didn't seem concerned about the critical reception for it. "This movie, while it's fun to do, is not something I take seriously," he said. "What I care about are other projects that I invest a lot more in."

He continued playing Tripper in the short-lived ABC spinoff "Three's a Crowd" in 1984-85. In other major series roles, he was a minister on "The Waltons," a police detective on "Hooperman" and a senator's legislative assistant on "Hearts Afire."

The hard-working Ritter amassed many credits. He had a recurring role on "Felicity," appeared in the miniseries "Stephen King's It" and made guest appearances on "The Cosby Show" and "Anything But Love," which he also produced. His numerous TV movies included "The Dreamer of Oz," "Love Thy Neighbor," "My Brother's Wife" and "The Last Fling."

Alumnae funds scholarship for music students

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For many people obtaining a college education is not possible due to financial reasons. But the John F. and Joanna Magale Foundation created a scholarship fund to aid those who were interested in the performing arts at Northwestern.

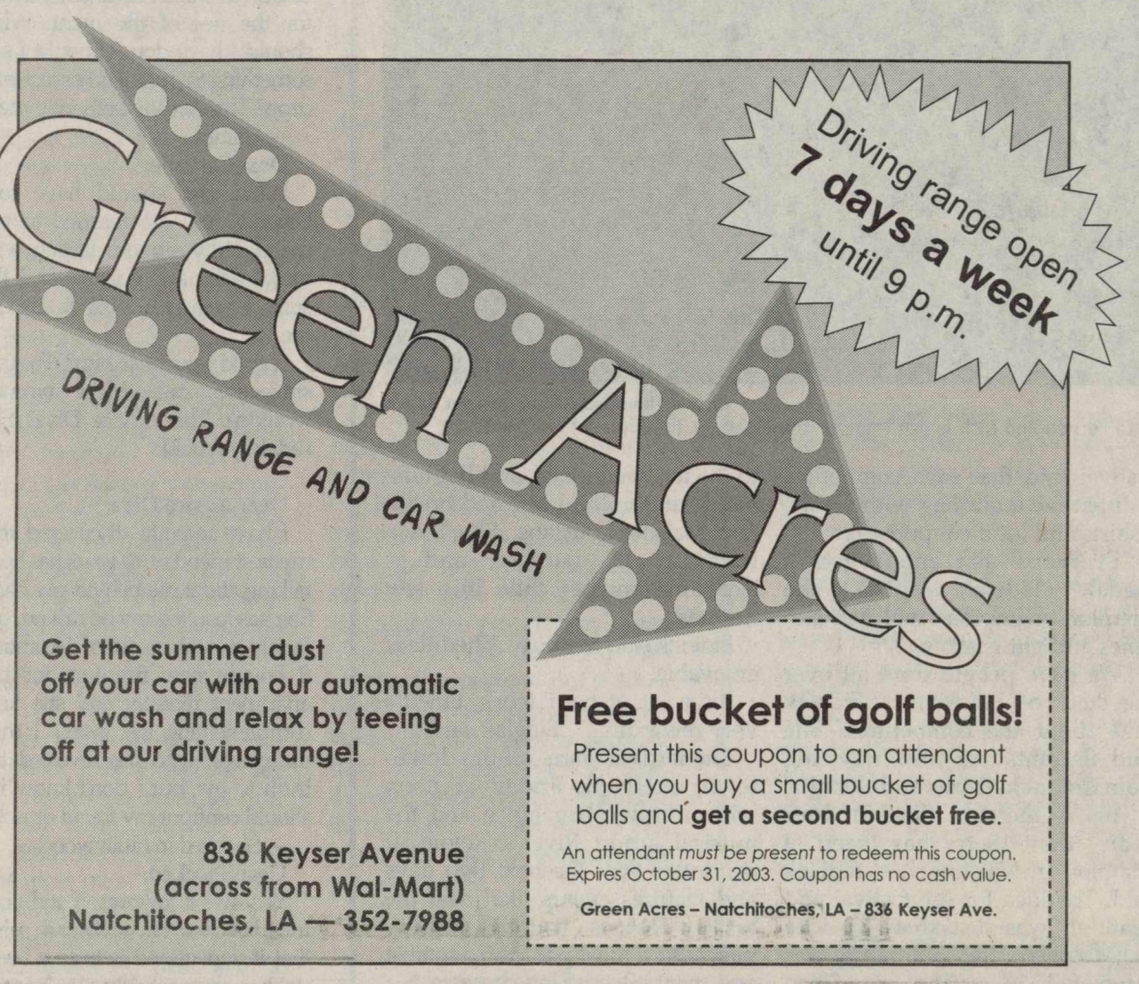
In 1983, Joanna Magale, a graduate of Louisiana State Normal College (now Northwestern) and her husband John F. Magale made the first donation of $25,000.

"It was my first year in charge of the Performing Arts Department. I can remember it being a big deal because it was such a large amount of money," said the director of Creative and Performing Arts, Bill Brent.

About 40 to 50 students benefit from this scholarship every semester. The amounts of scholarships vary from $100 to $300.

"It is used as an attraction to encourage students to come the university," said Brent.

A student must be a music major to be awarded the scholarship and must maintain academic progress and a good standing with the university to keep it. Joanna Magale asked that the scholarship be offered mainly to students of North Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas.





Probst mak most out of 'Survivor'

By Elle
KRT

Jeff Probst's the ultimate surviv
"Survivor" contestants come ar
there have been 112 so far, if you c
16 who'll be tossed overboard
Thursday's premiere of the pirate-
"Survivor: Pearl Islands" — but
who's hosted all of them and is
through No. 12, is as much a fixtu
icky-foods challenge.

And while it's hard to find a
"reality" host who doesn't seem
channeling the tribal-council in
Probst himself seems to have trans
ridicule to become the trusted fr
of television's most enduring
franchise.

Hell, now that Bryant Gumbel
they even trust him to host the
specials. (And don't think the
thing didn't bug him.)

Trust, of course, is a tricky thin
you talk about "Survivor." Probs
executive producer Mark Burn
made it clear he has no qualms
lying to reporters, so it's just as w
CBS put Probst, not Burnett, on th
with several of us this week to ta
the pirate-themed "Pearl Islands."

"I'm not Mark. I don't overhy
said at one point, admitting that
son's finale, in which swimsuit
Jenna Morasca won $1 million, "k
me over."

He also doesn't censor himself a
as he once might have, sprink
answers with occasional profan
suggesting that producers ma
something in common with those
ants on whose past drug use The S
Gun Web site reported this week:

"There's a lot of surfing and a lo
smoking done trying to figure out
twist" in the game, he said.

OK, I'll believe that one.

Here's Probst on what viewe
expect from "Pearl Islands":

On the show's (pixilated) nudit
is not the nude season. Last seas
the nude season."

On male nudity, in particular:
just look stupid ...You look like a
with your thing dangling there. J
on your shorts and let's go."

On lying (by contestants, not
ers): "There is the greatest lie ever
'Survivor' this season. It's brilli
brutal and it's brilliant."

Congratulations to our new members:

Mindy Allen
Jeni Anderson
Jennifer Atkins
Rachel Breedlove
Britney Burton
Morgan Cedars
June Chauvin
Nickie Collinsworth
Rachel Festavan
Laura Giddens
Michelle Simon
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Courtney LaCaze
Jessica Lee
Nikie Martin
Kate Miller
Casey McNeely
Becky Norton
Andrea Pang
Mandy Richardson
Eva Sterling
Crystal Wilson

Soccer loses close one to Ragin' Cajuns

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Amanda Breaux/the Current Sauce
The Lady Demon soccer team elbows the ball away from the Lady Ragin' Cajuns.

The Demons soccer team hosted niversity of Louisiana at afayette Ragin' Cajuns Friday fternoon, but fell short of victory a 2-1 loss.

The Demon team showed that ey had the heart of champions in he first half, shutting out afayette in a 0-0 score in the ames opener. This showed afayette that the Demons are to e taken seriously.

"We are actually getting better," oach Jimmy Mitchell said. "Our efense shows that we are united s a team and ready to play."

Mitchell's words are backed up ith action as goalie Natalie atiolais stopped Lafayette from coring four goals in the game. he Demons forced Lafayette into wo substitutions in the game pener.

In the second half, the momentum started to shift as Ragin' Cajun Jenny Brown scored within the first three minutes, followed by a score from player Tiffany Garber.

With 17 minutes left to play, Demon Stephanie Miller scored to make the game 2-1. The pressure was on the Demons to score one more goal, as time started to expire. Time quickly ran out, ending the game in a loss of 2-1.

"We had a lot of opportunities to score, but could not complete." Mitchell said,

NSU will host Centenary September 17, at 4:30p.m.

Despite the outcome of this game, Mitchell said, "The team is controlling goals being scored in the air and focusing as a unit."

Volleyball team opens SLC play with a win

Courtesy
Sports Information

Northwestern State entered uesday's Southland Conference pening match against Louisiana-Monroe 0-4 this season in five set matches. The match against the Lady Indians would be identical – well, half identical.

The Lady Demons won their first ive-set match this season, pulling off an exciting 3-2 win against the Lady Indians in Monroe. NSU evens their record at 6-6 but most mportantly begins SLC play at 1-0.

Four Lady Demons recorded ouble figures in kills while three scored double-doubles on the night.

Priscilla Augusto led the way with 22 kills and 12 digs while hitting .381 on 42 attempts. She was outdone in the percentage category by Evelyn Getzen who hit .391 while striking down 12 kills on 23 attempts and 12 digs.

Becky David added 14 kills and 10 digs while Shannon Puder contributed with 11 kills and five blocks.

NSU stormed out to win game one 30-23 but ULM responded by taking the second game 30-27. In the third game, the Lady Demons had their way with ULM winning 30-19.

It seemed as though NSU would take the match in four sets but ULM rallied for a 30-28 win in game four. NSU was too much for the Lady Indians (3-8, 0-1) winning the fifth and deciding set 15-11.

The Demons hit .223 for the match with 65 kills on 157 attempts, 62 digs and 10 total team blocks. ULM was held to a .054 hitting percentage with 54 kills on 168 attempts and 45 errors.

Megan Gloor led ULM with 13 kills and 15 digs. NSU will return to action on Friday when they open their home season against Sam Houston State. First serve is set for 7 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

Volleyball Schedule

Upcoming home games

Sam Houston	**9/16**
Stephen F. Austin	**10/7**
Nicholls State	**10/10**
Southeastern	**10/11**
Louisiana-Monroe	**10/14**
Louisiana Tech	**10/21**

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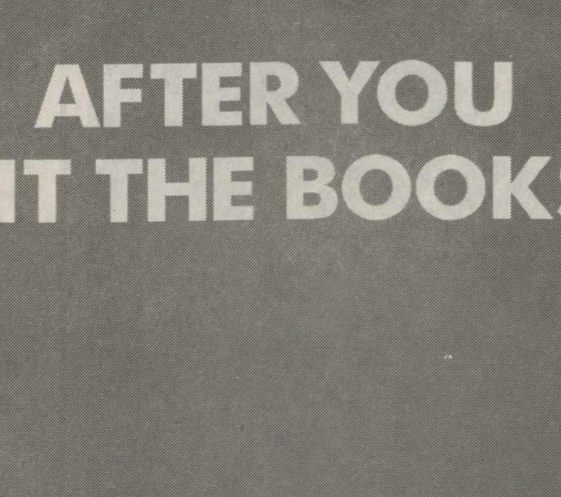
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Next week's games (home games in **bold**):

— FOOTBALL —
Sat. vs. ULM — 7 p.m.

— VOLLEYBALL —
Fri. vs. Sam Houston — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
Sun. vs. Rice — 1 p.m.
Wed. vs. ULM — 4:30 p.m.



Patrick West
The Way I See It

Johnny Cash

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Hello, I'm Johnny Cash. This is how the "Man in Black" would start off every show, a nice modest greeting. The humble country singer of huge fame died Friday at the age of 71. Cash died of complications from diabetes at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Cash recorded more than 1,500 songs and his career spanned four decades with hits like A Boy Named Sue, Folsom Prison Blues, Ring of Fire, and I Walk the Line. Cash also had 48 singles on Billboards Pop Charts rivaling both the Rolling Stones and the Beach Boys.

Just when everyone thought his career was done Cash signed with American recordings and producer Rick Rubin. Cash's last four albums, American Recordings, Unchained, American III: Solitary Man and American IV: The Man Comes Around were on the American label.

The last song off American IV was a cover of the Nine Inch Nails song Hurt. Cash's video for Hurt was nominated for seven MTV Video Music Awards, winning one for best cinematography. Cash could not make the show due to illness.

Cash was also in the highly successful super group the Highwaymen that featured Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson. Cash is in both the Country and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Cash fought the system and never wore rhinestones or cowboy hats; instead he wore a suit of black that became his trademark. Cash then recorded a song called the Man in Black explaining why he wore black.

Cash was a legend, icon and a hero. He sang about outlaws of the Old West, murder and prison. Cash sang an unadorned, frank baritone about the common citizen. His voice was the truth and the voice of the working man.

My favorite Cash's songs and best lyrics:

1) Folsom Prison Blues: "I shot a man in Reno/ Just to watch him die."

2) Sunday Morning Coming Down: "Lord I wish I was stoned."

3) "A Boy Named Sue: "My name is Sue/ how do you do and now you're going to die."

I heard the news Friday of Cash's passing and my heart hit the floor. There will never be another Man in Black and Cash will be missed. I was raised on Cash and can remember listening to him with my dad when I was young.

My favorite Cash songs came out of the American recordings, which were just Cash singing and playing guitar. His songs could haunt you for hours on end.

Johnny Cash thanks for the memories, the songs and the music. I will never forget the Man in Black, and I am hoping country music goes back to the way it was, full of outlaws singing about women, booze, drugs and the working man just like Cash did.

Making the cut

Former Demon QB survived a first-round draft pick to stay with the NFL's Green Bay Packers.

By Joshua Barrios
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Every couple of years a buzz starts circulating around NSU about one of its athletes finally reaching professional status. In 2002 that buzz was all about Craig Nall.

Nall, a senior transfer from LSU, was in the news for being drafted by the Green Bay Packers on his 23rd birthday.

Two seasons later Nall still finds himself in the buzz around Natchitoches, but this time for different reasons. Nall recently beat Akili Smith, a 1999 third overall draft pick, for the third string quarterback position in Green Bay.

Nall said experiences like this have given him just a taste of what he wants out of the NFL.

"It's a big accomplishment for me to be able to fulfill my dream of playing in the NFL," Nall Said. "But at the same time I'm not satisfied with just that. I want to start on a regular basis one day."

Nall was given that chance on a lower level this summer when Green Bay sent him to the NFL Europe to start for the Scottish Claymores. There, he started all 10 games leading all quarterbacks in touchdown passes and passer rating.

Unfortunately, the Claymores did not make it to the championship, but Nall went home with a greater gift.

"It helped me come into camp with a chip on my shoulder knowing that I can complete at this level," Nall said.

That chip helped him keep his position from being taken by Akili Smith and also earned him respect among his teammates.

Nall says veteran quarterback Brett Favre has helped him in his quarterbacking skills for the past two years and has been a great help to him.

"He's been really good, not only as a teacher of the game but also as a mentor," Nall said. " He's one of the best to learn from, and I'm really fortunate to be in this position."

"There's a lot of tradition here," Nall said, "and its really special to step out on the field here at Lambo and look up at the names that have played here before and know that you are a part of that."

Though his feelings toward Green Bay are strong now, Nall has never forgotten NSU.

"Once you make a step in your career don't forget where you came from," Nall said.

Demon Football Coach Scott Stoker and Director of Football Operations Dan Korn are just a couple on the list of people Nall said have been great teachers, supporters and friends of his throughout his experience at NSU.

Nall said such people helped make his more memorable moments as a Demon. The overtime win against TCU and his touchdown pass to his then roommate, Nathan Black, against Montana are among his favorite memories as a Demon.

With his solid position and the community's acceptance of him Nall said he would like to stay with the Packers for as long as possible.

Nall said the people of Green Bay are encouraging because they always show their support for him and tell him that he will be the next starting quarterback for the Packers.

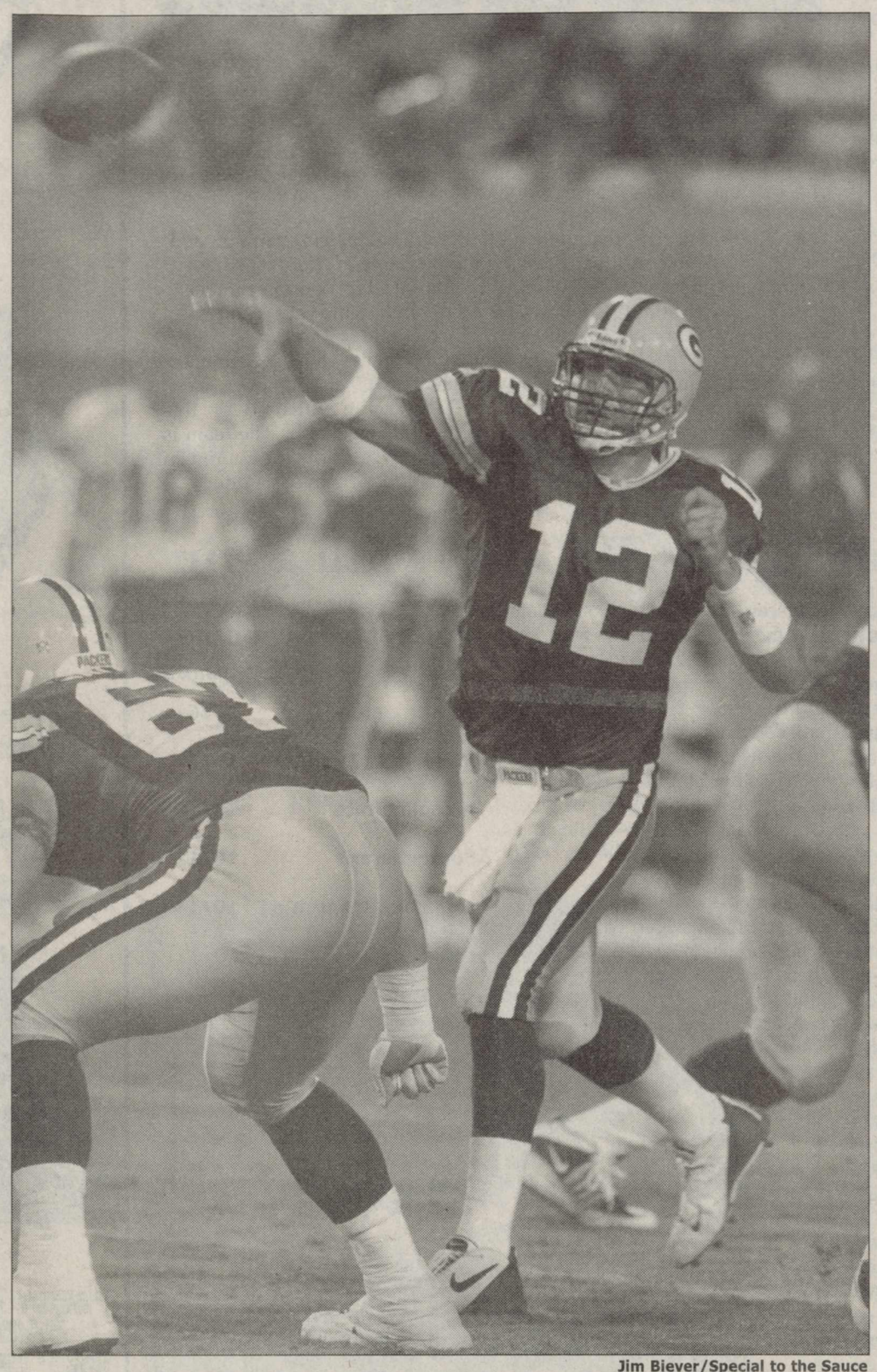
It seems his dream may be within reach if the community's opinion holds true, but Nall says it takes more than good playing skills to make it as far as he has.

He said the most important thing is to stay focused and take college seriously.

"I think some guys really have the talent to make it to this league but miss the boat when it comes to responsibility and character," Nall said. "If you get drafted or are on a team in the NFL you're basically representing them and any little slip up looks bad."

Nall still visits NSU occasionally when he comes home to Alexandria. He still supports the Demons and even attended this season's home opener against Jackson State.

Overall Nall said that he enjoyed Natchitoches and is glad that he made the move to NSU.



Jim Biever/Special to the Sauce
Packers quarterback Craig Nall throws a pass in a NFL game against the Arizona Cardinals.

Purple Swarm Defense stuffs the Hornets

By Brent Holloway
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Northwestern State turned in another dominant performance on defense, and Derrick Johnese racked up a career-high in rushing yards, as the Demons rolled over an outmatched Delaware State team.

As bad as the 43-6 final score may sound, it could have been a lot worse for the DSU Hornets. Had it not been for a few self-destructing drives by NSU in the first half, the score might have really gotten out of hand. The Demons finished the night with 4 fumbles, 3 of which were lost, and were penalized 11 times for 90 yards. These difficulties slowed the Demons offense early in the game, and kept the Hornets relatively close through the first half.

However, while the offense struggled to shake off the after effects of last week's heartbreaker versus Tulane, the Purple Swarm defense was in top form. The hyper-aggressive defense, led by senior safety Eric Louis and junior linebacker Jamal Johnson (9 tackles, 1 sack each) held the Delaware State offense to only four first downs for the entire game.

The Hornets were only able to muster 131 yards of total offense, 80 of which came on a touchdown run by Andrei Francis just before halftime. The touchdown run was Francis' only carry for positive yards on the night.

Eventually, the Demon offense found its groove and piled up 512 total yards. Johnese single handedly outgained Delaware State, with 162 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries.

After the career night against the Hornets, Johnese is up to 367 rushing yards for the season (122 per game) and is averaging almost 7 yards per carry. Redshirt freshman and fellow Baton Rouge native Greg Skidmore also got in on the act, adding 87 yards on just 9 carries, and scoring his first collegiate touchdown.

The passing game was inconsistent, but did not turn the ball over, and got the job done. Last week's Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week Davon Vinson tossed two touchdowns and was 7-16 for 109 yards. Vinson has not thrown any interceptions in his 72 passes attempted this season.

Freshman quarterback Ryan Lewis saw his first extensive action of the season. Lewis finished 3-5 for 55, including a 35-yard touchdown strike to Marcus Gatlin. Lewis also showed some athleticism when he launched himself into the endzone, leaping from 3 yards out on a 5 yard touchdown scramble.

Sophomore Toby Ziegler was also a factor, chipping in with 187 all purpose yards, including almost 30 yards per punt return and a 29-yard touchdown reception.

Maybe the best aspect of a game like this is the opportunity it affords coaches to get a look at some of the reserves. Most of the substitutions came in the second half after the game was well in hand, but in keeping with the strategy they've employed in all three games this year, Coach Scott Stoker rotated offensive linemen throughout the game.

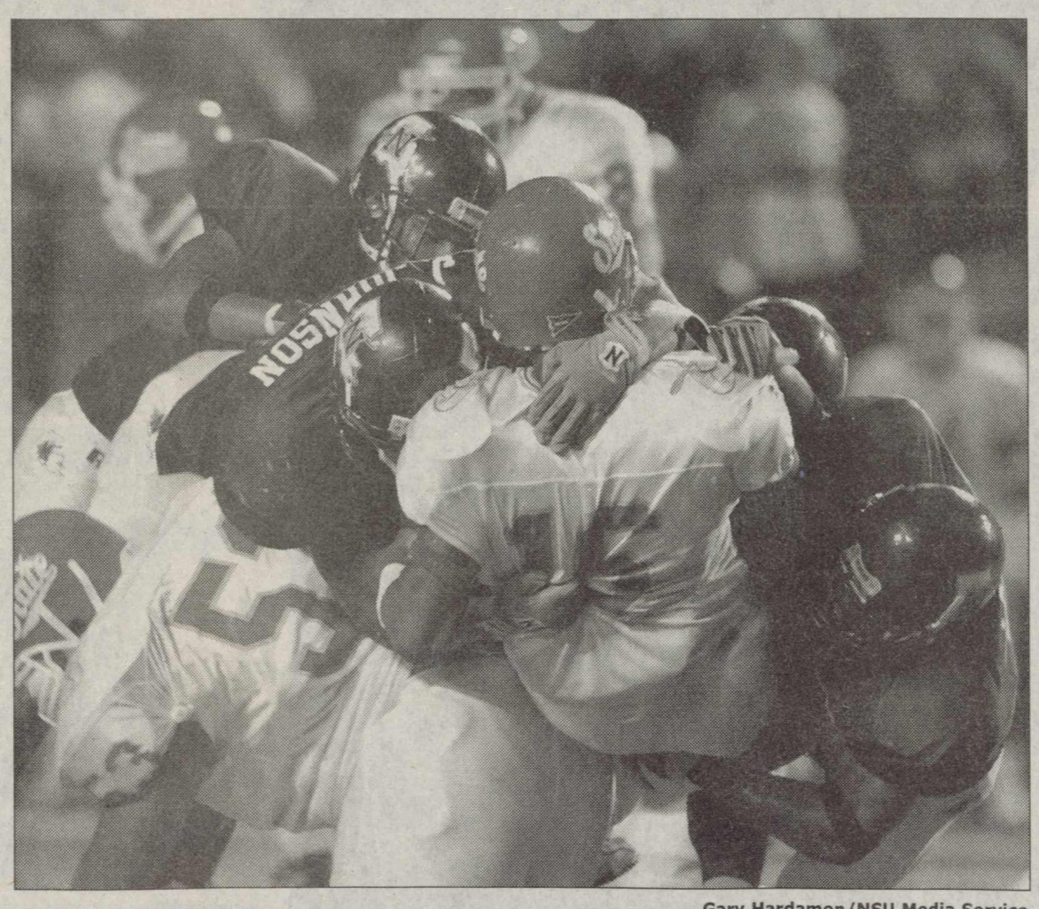
At one point in the second quarter all five starters rested on the sidelines as the second teamers led the Demon offense on an impressive scoring drive.

"We like to get those guys a chance to play early in the game because they're only one step away from being starters" Stoker said. "As long as they do their job and don't hurt us while they're in there we can give our starters a little rest."

The defensive replacements also looked impressive as the Demon coaching staff emptied the bench late in the game. With most of the starters out of the game, the Northwestern State defense remained relentless allowing only 12 yards on 13 plays in the fourth quarter.

"We're pretty deep on defense. All those guys can play and I think we can go two deep at every position", Stoker said.

With the win, NSU improves to 2-1 this season while Delaware State falls to 0-2. The Demons travel to Monroe Saturday to take on Division I-A, ULM. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
The Purple Swarm Defense stuffs Delaware St. running back Andrei Frances on the run play Saturday.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (2-4)
Home Game

Sept. 17, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Centenary (2-4-1)

NSU 3-CSU 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	3	0	**3**
CSU	0	0	0

Key Player:
Nellie Latiolais
2nd shutout this seas
Junior goalkeeper

Sept. 12, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Louisiana-Lafayette(3-

NSU 1-ULL 2

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	1	1
ULL	0	2	**2**

NSU Volleyball (6-6)
Southland Conferenc

Key Player:
Priscilla Augusto
22 kills & 12 digs
Junior MB

Sept. 16, 2003
Northwestern State vs
ULM (3-8)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	30	27	30	28	15	-
ULM	23	30	19	30	11	-

Sept. 13, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-El Paso (5-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	24	30	27	31	9	-
UTEP	30	28	30	29	15	-

Northwestern State vs.
Montana (4-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	24	30	29	30 11 -
MSU	30	26	31	27 15 -

Northwestern State vs.
Missouri-Kansas City

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Scor
NSU	27	25	30	25	- 1
UMKC	30	30	22	30	- 3

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

SPORT

NSU shuts out Centenary 3-0

Junior goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais notched her second shutout of the season Wednesday as Northwestern State knocked off visiting Centenary 3-0.

Northwestern (2-4) picked up its first win in nine games with in-state rival Centenary (2-4-1), scoring all three goals in the first half of the game.

Latiolais and the Demon defense kept Centenary at bay all afternoon. Northwestern outshot the Ladies 16-13. Latiolais, who allowed only one goal in two SLC Tournament games last November recorded seven saves Wednesday.

Northwestern tries to build a winning streak Sunday, traveling to Houston, Texas to take on the Rice Owls in a 1 o'clock game. NSU plays at home Wed. against ULM.

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What's Current?

NEWS

Telephone registration gets cut

Students can no longer register for classes by telephone.

An e-mail sent by University information systems through the faculty-wide messenger system said, "An analysis of system usage indicated that it was no longer cost effective to maintain this system given its limited use."

The e-mail said the telephone system had been largely supplanted by Internet registration.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge blocks do-not-call list, says FTC overstepped authority

CHICAGO (KRT) – Just days before Americans could expect to eat dinner without interruptions from an unwanted telephone pitch, a federal judge handed a reprieve to telemarketers.

U.S. District Court Judge Lee West of Oklahoma ruled that the Federal Trade Commission had overstepped its authority in setting up a do-not-call list to protect consumers from unwanted phone solicitations. The FTC said it will appeal the decision and asked the court to hold off implementing its ruling.

The registry was to go into effect next Wednesday, and West's decision appears to block that. But legal experts said the ruling confused them, noting that West did not order the FTC to do or not do anything.

U.S. Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., and U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., ignored party divisions to issue a joint statement promising they would take whatever legislative action to let consumers stop intrusive calls."

What's Updated?

SPORTS

Board of Regents approves $165k for soccer lighting

The state Board of Regents, which operates over the University of Louisiana System that NSU is a part of, approved $165,000 for soccer complex lighting.

Approval by the board allows NSU to begin planning or working on adding the lighting.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush lowers expectations for U.N. resolution on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (KRT) – President Bush came home empty-handed Wednesday from his two-day push at the United Nations to begin getting foreign troops and financial help in Iraq.

White House officials started lowering expectations that a U.N. resolution to encourage other nations to donate military and monetary help was on the horizon. They indicated that it could be weeks before a draft resolution is presented and months before international help is on the way, if ever.

The Pentagon's second-ranking general said thousands more National Guard and Reserve troops might have to be called up by early November if it wasn't clear by then that other countries would send more forces. Some 170,000 National Guard and Reserve troops are already on active duty — 120,000 of them on duty related to Iraq — and officials fear the strain on America's part-time warriors may lead to massive refusals to re-enlist.

What's Next Week?

SGA elections wrap up today, Thursday, Sept. 25. Vote early, check for results on www.currentsauce.com on Friday, and look for in-depth coverage of the new SGA next week.

SGA kills Sibley roadblock

Bill proposed blocking morning, lunchtime traffic in middle of campus

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A proposed bill to block off a section of Sam Sibley Drive during the day to possibly correct the traffic problem on campus failed in the SGA Senate Monday.

The sponsor of the bill, senator Ashlie Fisher, said the roadblock between the Student Union and the Creative and Performing Arts building would force more people to walk instead of moving their cars between classes.

"I thought we should give this a try because there is a traffic problem on campus," Fisher said. "This bill was offering our support to the Traffic and Parking Committee to help the problem. This wasn't saying, 'This is what we are going to do.'"

Out of 14 senators who voted on the bill, 12 opposed it.

Senator Kelli Miller said she voted against the bill because not enough supporting research was done before the vote.

"More research should have been done about the traffic patterns, taking into account the exit routes that people take from campus," Miller said. "This bill was just a suggestion. There are

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>
> **Ashlie Fisher**
> Student senator sponsoring Sam Sibley roadblock bill

Tax prep course planned

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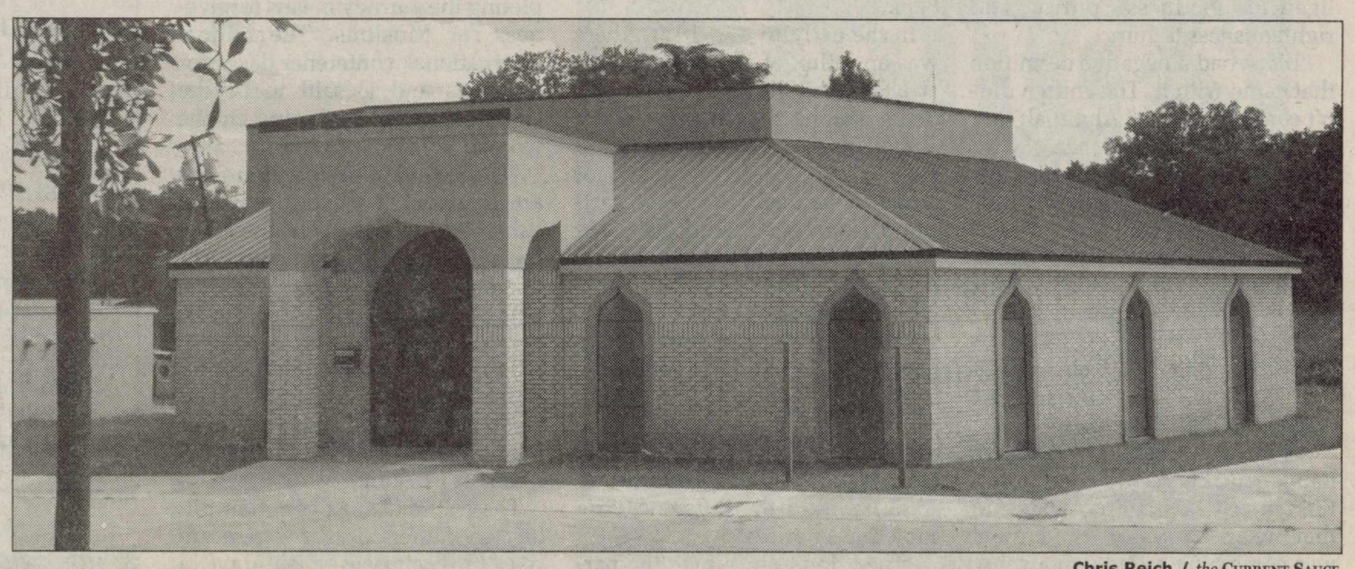
H & R Block and the Job Location and Developmental Office are sponsoring a free tax preparation course available to NSU students.

The non-credit course is available for any NSU student who is interested in learning about tax preparation and/or possible employment with H & R Block.

Before applying, students must be enrolled in the Job Location and Development Program at NSU. Students can go to Room 305 in the Student Union to register for the program and the tax class. Registration will be open until the class becomes full. An application and reference checks are required.

The first meeting for the course will be Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall where students will discuss possible class meeting times. Upon completing the course and achieving a qualifying score on

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Pictured above is the Islamic Center of Natchitoches, on Caspari Street across the street from the campus' Louisiana School building. The center is an Islamic mosque, built from the ground up by local Muslims over the last several years.

Local mosque an American rarity

Islamic Center of Natchitoches one of few built as a place of worship

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The Islamic Center of Natchitoches on Caspari Street was constructed to be a mosque, and that is a rarity in the United States.

"Very few are built from the ground up," explained Asmar Akbar, who is a Muslim brother at the center. Akbar said most mosques in America are usually buildings that were originally made for some other purpose. They are often rented or bought and then altered into a mosque.

The Islamic Center of Natchitoches was once like those other mosques and changed locations many times in its history. Its completion came after years of raising funds.

"It really went on anywhere from seven to eight years," Akbar said. "We raised money. We saved money. We bought the land."

Rasul Abdullah, a fellow Muslim brother and a cousin of Akbar, said that most of the approximately $250,000 it took to build the mosque came from donations.

"We had a lot of outside help from different individuals—local people and Muslims from outside Natchitoches," Abdullah said.

The building costs were lessened because local men from the neighborhood helped in the construction. The costs, however, are what extended the completion of the mosque.

"We'd run out of money. Then we'd raise some money and go back to work," Abdullah said. "When the money ran out, the work stopped."

The center is now completed and used daily for prayer or services. There is no sign for the mosque yet, but Abdullah said there will be one.

"We didn't just want to get a piece of plywood out there that says 'Islamic Center'," he said. The members want to save money for a nice sign.

Abdullah and Akbar are converts to Islam. They both grew up going to Baptist churches, but in the mid '70s, they separately decided to start following Islam.

"When I became a Muslim, I was seeking outside of what I already knew," Abdullah said. One of the things that Abdullah had

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In-dorm tutoring gets mild student response

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The Smart Study Sessions project, which hosts student tutoring in Rapides Hall, has suffered from low attendance despite offering almost daily help with nearly every subject.

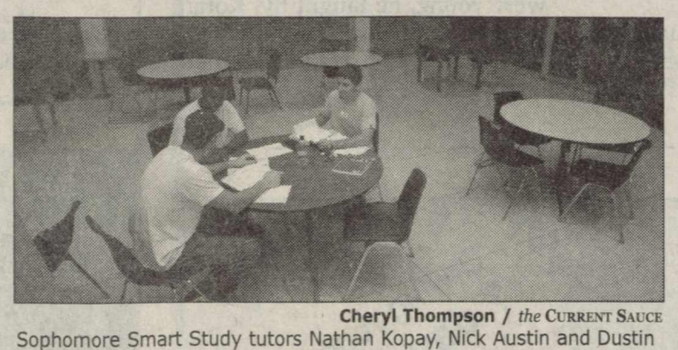
Attendance for the sessions has been slow, but tutors said they expect attendance to pick up.

Rapides Hall resident assistant Nick Austin, one of the project's coordinators and a sophomore criminal justice major, said, "After the four-week and midterm grades come out I think more people will come, and we are also trying to improve the image of Rapides so more people will come."

Austin said students should go to the sessions even if they don't think they need a tutor. The sessions are open to all NSU students.

The sessions are scheduled to run from Sept. 10 to Dec. 10, Sundays to Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The sessions allow students to receive help in a number of subjects from different tutors (see sidebar).

For more information, call project coordinators Tom Petitjean at 357-5612 or 357-6272, Shelia Gentry at 357-5425, or Austin at 357-6319.



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Sophomore Smart Study tutors Nathan Kopay, Nick Austin and Dustin Boyd sit among empty tables in the lobby of Rapides Hall Wednesday.

Smart Studying

Smart Study sessions five nights a week in Rapides Hall

Sundays: General study in all subjects. Study in small groups or one-on-one with a peer tutor. Also, practice time-management and study skills.

Mondays: English. Students can receive help with rhetorical strategies, composition, developmental writing, reading strategies, literary analysis and grammar.

Tuesday: Sciences. Students can get help with physical science, chemistry, biology, history, economics, government, political systems and international affairs.

Wednesdays: Math. Students can study operations, measurement, algebra, geometry, reasoning proofs, word problems and data analysis.

Thursdays: General study and Spanish. Spanish study will include the parts of speech, verb conjugation, pronunciation, reading, and writing strategies.

Source: Smart Study session coordinators

NSU NEWS22 WEEKEND FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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the final test, students may be offered a part-time job with H & R Block.

"Students who pass the test are eligible to work through the peak of tax season," said H & R Block employee Sherri Griffith, who will be teaching the course. Griffith said the course has been offered free to NSU students for a number of years. She also said the class attracts many people, even students who aren't math or business majors.

Jeri S. Wright, job and development location officer, said the class has become quite popular, especially with students from the business department. Wright also said that the course is given on a first-come, first-serve basis, and students are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

The course is divided into basic and advanced tax preparation. The class will meet twice a week over two to three months.

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many more steps that will be taken to help the parking problem. This bill just needed more supporting evidence."

Senator Dustin Floyd said he opposed the bill because it is not going to effectively stop students and faculty from moving their cars.

"If you stop traffic coming through the middle of campus, it's going to go somewhere. It's going to go out onto College (Avenue) and out around on Tarlton (Avenue)," Floyd said. "People are still going to move their cars anyway, and it's just going to make traffic on College worse."

At Monday's meeting, the SGA voted unanimously to raise the maximum amount of an SGA student loan from $50 to $75.

Also, SGA President Greg Comeaux appointed Patrick Feller, who ran for and lost the SGA primary election for senior senator, and junior Leslie Ross to senator-at-large positions with the approval of the Senate.

Next week, the SGA will be voting to allocate $326 for the SGA Homecoming Brunch on October 21 and to replace the initials "IM" with "Wellness Center" in the SGA By-laws.

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known in his religion was racism.

"Islam did away with racism—racial ideas of righteousness," Abdullah said.

"Islam also gave me a sober definition of my humanity. Because, you know, growing up the sixties, I'd inherited ideas about my humanity," Abdullah said.

As a 21-year-old African-American, Abdullah said the word "black" did not signify intelligence, goodness, purity and righteousness to him.

"Black had a negative definition that came with it. The church didn't correct it to me," Abdullah said about his experience with Christianity. "Islam removed the racial pictures in humanity. There is no superior family or superior race."

Abdullah acknowledges his past as part of his present.

"I see that part of my life as part of journey to finding God. In finding God we find ourselves," Abdullah said.

Akbar's conversion to Islam happened after he did not find fulfillment in Christianity. Akbar said that when he was a child there was something called a mourning bench at his church. People would go sit on the bench, and they would leave the bench having found reconciliation with God.

"I went to the mourning bench," Akbar said. "Once you came off you were ready to be baptized. I never came off the bench."

Akbar said he found Allah, the Arabic word for God, in Islam and the teachings of Muhammad. Muhammad is believed by Muslims to be the final prophet of Allah.

"We believe that Jesus said, 'There is one coming after me that will lead you into all truth'," Akbar said. Christians generally believe Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit, and Muslims believe he was talking about Muhammad.

Muslims believe the Koran was the final revelation of Allah.

"The Koran came 1,400 years ago as a book to clear up some things," Akbar said.

Islam teaches that books such as those of Abraham, the Torah of Moses, the Psalms of David and the Gospel of Jesus Christ have their source in Allah. Muslims believe those books were revealed in truth and contained the same message as the Koran, but they were not preserved in truth.

Abdullah said that Natchitoches Muslims were once very active in the community.

"We started out basically as a group of converts," Abdullah said. "When we were struggling to learn our religion we were more active in our community."

Some community-related activities included street preaching, house to house visits, an Islam-oriented newspaper, and an attempt at establishing a food bank.

In the early to mid 1980s, there was an influx of Muslim students at NSU. Abdullah said those students taught the converts a lot about Islam's practices. Around 1986 those students, most of whom were Saudi Arabian, started to leave NSU. Abdullah said one of the Saudi students told him it was because the tuition costs were increased.

There are now a few faculty members from NSU and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts that go to the center. These Arabic Muslims pray alongside American Muslims and Abdullah said the differences are sometimes noticeable.

"They don't encourage the participation of women," Abdullah said about congregational prayer. The main prayer room in the mosque adjoins a smaller prayer room which is separated by a series of wooden double doors. The ceiling is high and the wall does not extend to the ceiling's height. Abdullah said the women usually pray in that room and can hear because of the open wall space above the doors.

Abdullah's wife attends the mosque with him often. "When she's there, I myself will open the door so she can hear what's being said," Abdullah said, "so she doesn't have to listen over the wall." Abdullah said that separating the men from the women and children is a cultural practice and not religious in nature.

There are five pillars that Muhammad said Islam is built on. The first is fasting. During the month of Ramadan, which is October, Muslims do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. This practice is meant to increase a Muslim's focus on Allah. Ramadan is believed to be the first month that revelation came to Muhammad.

Almsgiving is the annual giving of at least 2.5 percent of a Muslim's savings if it is financially possible. The money is given to a deserving needy person, a new convert to Islam, a traveler or one overwhelmed by debts.

The pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia is the third pillar of Islam. Akbar went on his pilgrimage in 1996 and said it was a challenge at times. Those making the trip have to suppress passion, refrain from any bloodshed and be pure in word and deed. Successfully completing the journey means forgiveness for Muslims. The annual international conference lasts for ten days and is said to be the largest spiritual gathering in the world.

"It's like all of my previous sins are forgiven. It's like a newborn baby," Akbar said about the effect the pilgrimage had on him. "It's like to being born again."

Testimony of faith, the simple declaration of a Muslim's belief in Allah as a single deity and Muhammad as his servant and messenger, is the fourth pillar of Islam. This is how a person becomes Muslim.

The last and most common pillar of Islam is prayer. There are five prayer times each day in Islam: Predawn, which is held daily at the Islamic Center of Natchitoches; noon; afternoon; after sunset; and evening, which is also held daily at the center. When Muslims cannot go to a mosque for prayer, they pray on their own.

Friday is Islam's holy day. In addition to predawn and evening prayer, the congregation usually joins for prayer at 1:30 p.m. at the mosque in Natchitoches. About 10 to 15 people bow together, and prayer is led by one member.

"What really determines the length of the prayer is the recitation of the Koran," Abdullah said. Some prayers last five minutes, and others, like special Ramadan prayers, include a recitation of the entire Koran.

Some members of the center gather on Sundays at noon to study the Koran. Abdullah said it is mostly converts who go. They read the Koran and discuss it so they can understand it more. During conventional prayer the Koran is recited in Arabic.

"I prayed in English until I learned Arabic," Abdullah said. He said that when his children were young, he taught the Koran to them in English. They are now all adults and have learned Arabic.



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Wellness Center workers mark off parking

A sign reserving parking around Caspari Hall stands near a contractor's truck Tuesday afternoon. The parking lot, a residentially-zoned lot that overlooks the rear of the Wellness Center site, was also chained off on both entrances.

NSU Police Blotter

Sept. 18, 2003
8:10 p.m.
An unidentified woman called campus police to report people possibly doing drugs in the University Columns.

10:04 p.m.
A student called from Dodd Hall to report men who may have been looking in windows on the south side of the building.

Sept. 19, 2003

4:41 p.m.
Four people attempted to evade police at Caddo Hall. Several minutes later, the vehicle in which the suspects were fleeing was pulled over. Officials called Caddo Hall for verification of the people's names. One was detained, and the Natchitoches Police Department took control of the situation.

10:11 p.m.
Campus police received a call from Watson Library in reference to a man seen exposing himself in the faculty and staff parking lots. The area was searched, and officers spoke to several people, but no one else said they saw anyone suspicious. An officer went to the library and took a statement from the caller.

Elizabeth Bolt

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Spanish Club
Next meeting is **Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Kyser 313.** We will be constructing a banner for Homecoming. Club dues are $5 and t-shirts are $13; they are both due on Wednesday. Anyone interested in joining the Spanish Club is welcome. For more information contact **Comfort Pratt** at **357-5590** or **Kyser 314E.**

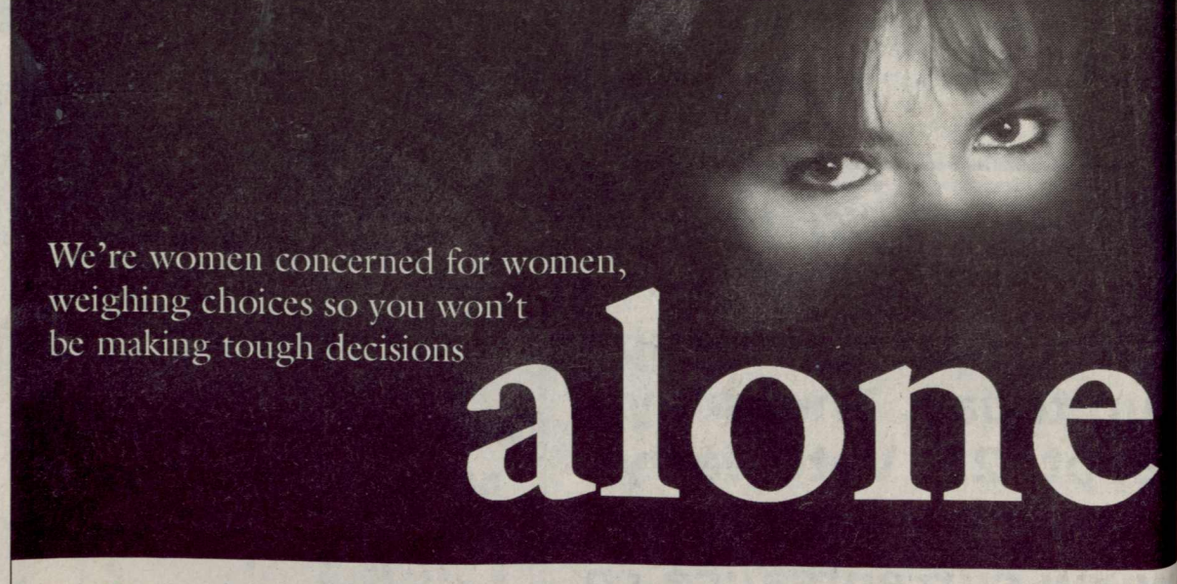
Lady of the Bracelet
Sign up to **enter the Lady of the Bracelet pageant by Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Student Union 214.** An **informational meeting** will be on **Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the President's Room** of the Union. For more information, call the **Student Activities Board** at **357-6511.**

Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center Oversight Committee
The committee (formerly the IM oversight committee) will **meet every other Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Student Union 222.** The next meeting is **Oct. 8.** Meetings are open to all students. For more information, call the **Student Government Association office** at **357-4501.**

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Broad field of candidates run for governor

Most voters undecided, lean towards Democratic party

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The Oct. 4 state primaries, which include voting for the Louisiana governor's office, is quickly approaching, and most voters remain undecided.

According to the latest poll conducted by Southern Media Opinion and Research 36 percent of likely voters in Louisiana have yet to choose a candidate. This could lead to a very interesting stretch run and could leave many political prognosticators scratching their heads on October 5.

The frontrunners in the poll are democrat Kathleen Blanco and republican Bobby Jindal. Democrats Buddy Leach and Richard Ieyoub are not far behind.

Louisiana's open primary system leaves open the possibility of two members of the same party making the Nov. 15 runoff. However, at this late stage of the race that scenario seems unlikely. Most experts believe that if Jindal can coalesce the republican vote he should be in the runoff with one of the democrat hopefuls, but with such a large block of voters still undecided all candidates still have at least an outside shot of winning the primary.

Here are the seven leading candidates:

Kathleen Blanco, Democrat



Blanco, of Lafayette, is currently serving her second term as Louisiana's lieutenant governor. Blanco is 60 years old and received her bachelor's degree in Business Education from ULL in 1964. She worked as a teacher and a bookkeeper before getting involved with politics. Her political resume includes stints as a state representative, public service commissioner and her current position as Lt. Governor. Blanco is considered a centrist democrat and takes a conservative stance on some issues. She believes quality public education should be the top priority for Louisiana and that education is the key to stimulating economic growth, and stated those goals when she visited Natchitoches and NSU on Sept. 4.

Jay Blossman, Republican



Blossman, 38, is the second youngest and proudly the most conservative candidate in the race. Blossman is a native of St. Tammany Parish and is currently serving on the Public Service Commission. Blossman, who received his law degree in 1991, is the youngest person ever elected to the Commission. He has come under fire recently for two DUIs he received in college and for a negative campaign ad he ran in the summer, which blamed Governor Mike Foster for the Baton Rouge serial killings. Blossman is against legalized gambling and believes lower taxes and eliminating government waste is the key to reviving Louisana's stagnant economy and to create opportunities for young people in the state.

Hunt Downer, Republican



Downer, a resident of Houma, has been in the state House of Representatives for over 25 years. In 2000, he was the chairman of Louisiana's chapter of "Democrats for Bush" before officially switching parties in 2001. Downer is 57 years old and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola School of Law in 1972. Downer said the top priority is jobs. "College graduates will remain in Louisiana when we have the jobs to keep them here," Downer said. "They will benefit most by the opportunities my administration will create for them." Downer also said that "current and future students will continue to receive assistance through TOPS" and "I will work diligently to make sure all of our colleges receive the funding they deserve."

Randy Ewing, Democrat



Ewing, of Quitman, served 12 years in the Louisiana state senate, including a 4-year term as Senate president, before retiring in 2000. Ewing is also a centrist democrat, and considers himself to be fiscally conservative. Ewing is 59 years old and received a bachelor's degree in finance/business from LSU. Ewing has polled high in northern Louisiana, but has yet to pull high numbers in the southern part of the state. However, Ewing supporters hope that will change now that New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin has given Ewing his full endorsement.

"Randy thinks its all about the economy", Mike Hinton, Ewing's press secretary said, "and he has a plan to create 200,000 new jobs so that our kids can stay in Louisiana."

Richard Ieyoub, Democrat



Ieyoub, a native of Lake Charles, is Louisiana's current attorney general. Ieyoub is serving his third term after running unopposed in his last re-election campaign. His major accomplishment during his tenure has been negotiating a $4.2 billion lawsuit against the nation's tobacco companies. While attorney general, Ieyoub divorced his wife, and married a younger staff member. He completed his undergraduate work at McNeese State, and received his Juris Doctoral Degree from the LSU School of Law. Before being elected attorney general in 1991, Ieyoub served as the district attorney for Calcasieu Parish. If elected, Ieyoub plans to raise teachers' and sheriffs' pay and raise cigarette taxes, while gradually phasing out business taxes. He is also a staunch supporter of affirmative action.

Bobby Jindal, Republican



Piyush "Bobby" Jindal, of Baton Rouge, is the youngest candidate at 32. He graduated from Brown University with honors in biology and public policy. He received his graduate degree from Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar. He has also served as secretary of the Louisiana department of health and hospitals, the President of the University of Louisiana System, and most recently as a health policy advisor for the G.W. Bush Administration. Jindal has attempted to capitalize on his Washington connections in recent television and radio ads. He was, however, forced to remove an image of himself shaking hands with the President from one of his commercials. The Bush administration did not want people to get the impression that the President has endorsed Jindal. Gov. Foster, on the other hand, has given Jindal his full endorsement. If Jindal were to win he would be the youngest governor elected in the U.S. since William Jefferson Clinton was elected governor of Arkansas at the same age.

Claude "Buddy" Leach, Democrat



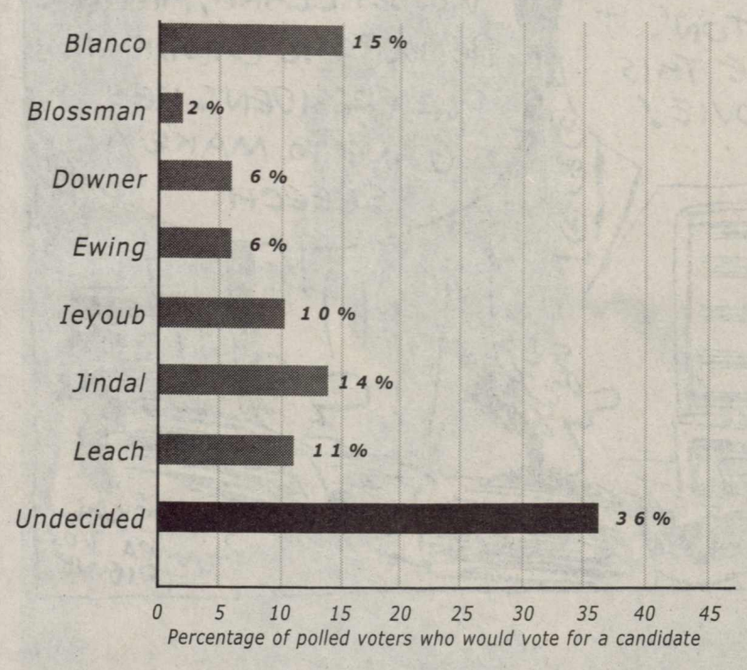
At 69 years old, the former congressman and state legislator is the oldest candidate. Leach, whose campaign is almost completely self-funded, was indicted on vote buying charges in 1978. He was later acquitted of all charges. Leach, who received both his undergraduate and his law degrees from LSU, has endowed the LSU school of agriculture as well as science education here at NSU.

John Forrest Laes, speaking on behalf of the Leach campaign, said "Leach's specific plan for the state in based on a 3 percent processing fee on all imported oil that is processed in Louisiana. This will generate $1 billion in the next few year that will be used to raise teacher pay."Laes also said "Buddy and Laura have tried harder than anyone to reach out to young voters."

He points to the "Louisiana Rocks" CD as proof. Leach has been distributing this CD, which features local band Kelvin, free of charge throughout his campaign. Leach also visited NSU's campus when state matching funds for endowed chairs were officially awarded to the University.

Gubernatorial Election Poll

September 2, 2003, survey by Southern Media



Source: Southern Media, smor.org

CORRECTION

The summary of state constitutional amendment No. 5 was written by Andrew Shirley. His name was mistakenly left off.

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It is never too late

By Alecia Reyes

What we need at NSU is a chapter of Beta Theta Gamma, a national fraternity for nontraditional students. Why? We make up just under half of the Northwestern State University population. What else do we need? More support, more understanding, and more things just for us.

Several universities have programs we could model. Here are a few examples:

The university of Las Vegas, better known as UNLV, not only has a Web page for nontraditional students but also offers many programs to make the nontraditional students feel welcome. UNLV has a chapter of Beta Theta Gamma for students over the age of 24. The members of this fraternity have events such as, family picnics, athletic events, and camping and canoe trips.

Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, has established a childcare program to help their nontraditional students, who make up 30-35 percent of their student population. Students can pay $2.50 per child, from ages 2-9, for up to 4 hours a day.

A third model program for nontraditional students can be found at Wichita State University. This University offers programs throughout the year and devotes an entire week to those "older, wiser" students. Some activities included in that week are: Family Activity Tailgate Party, Bring your Significant Other to Class Day and Adult Student Friendly Awards, which go to five campus offices that are most nontraditional student friendly.

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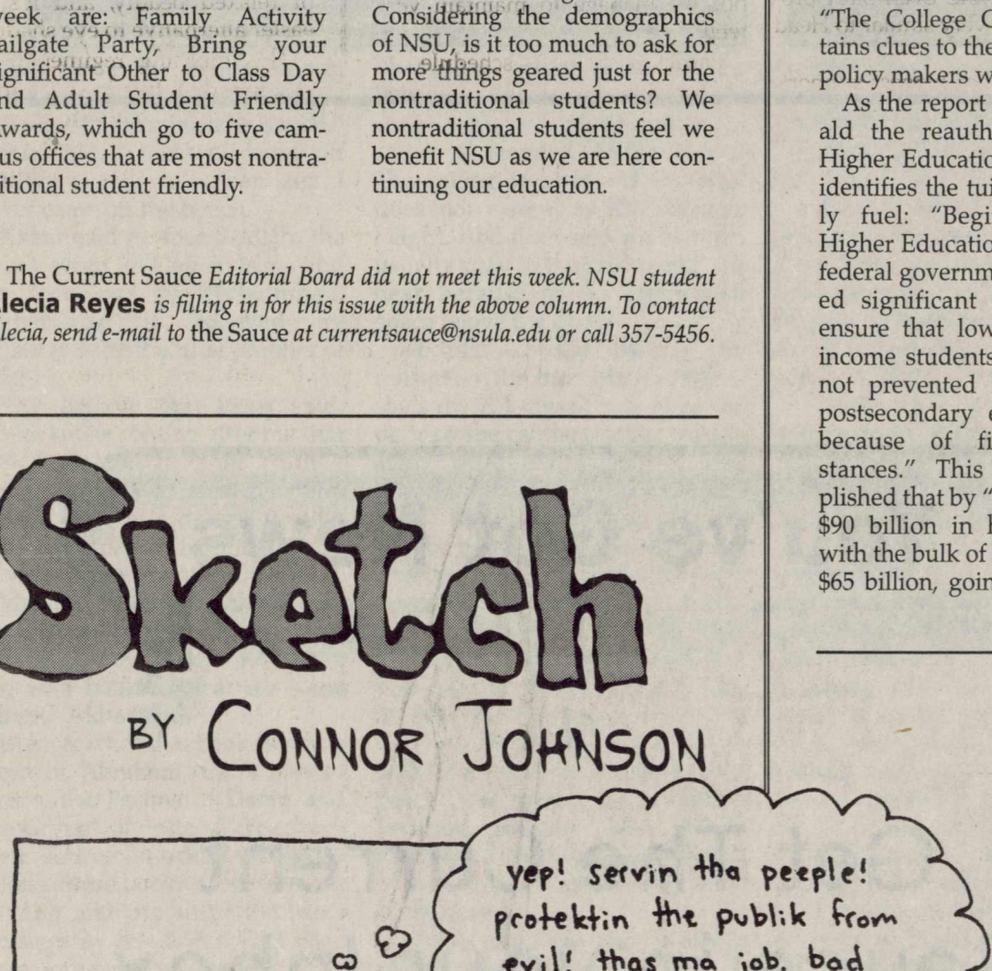
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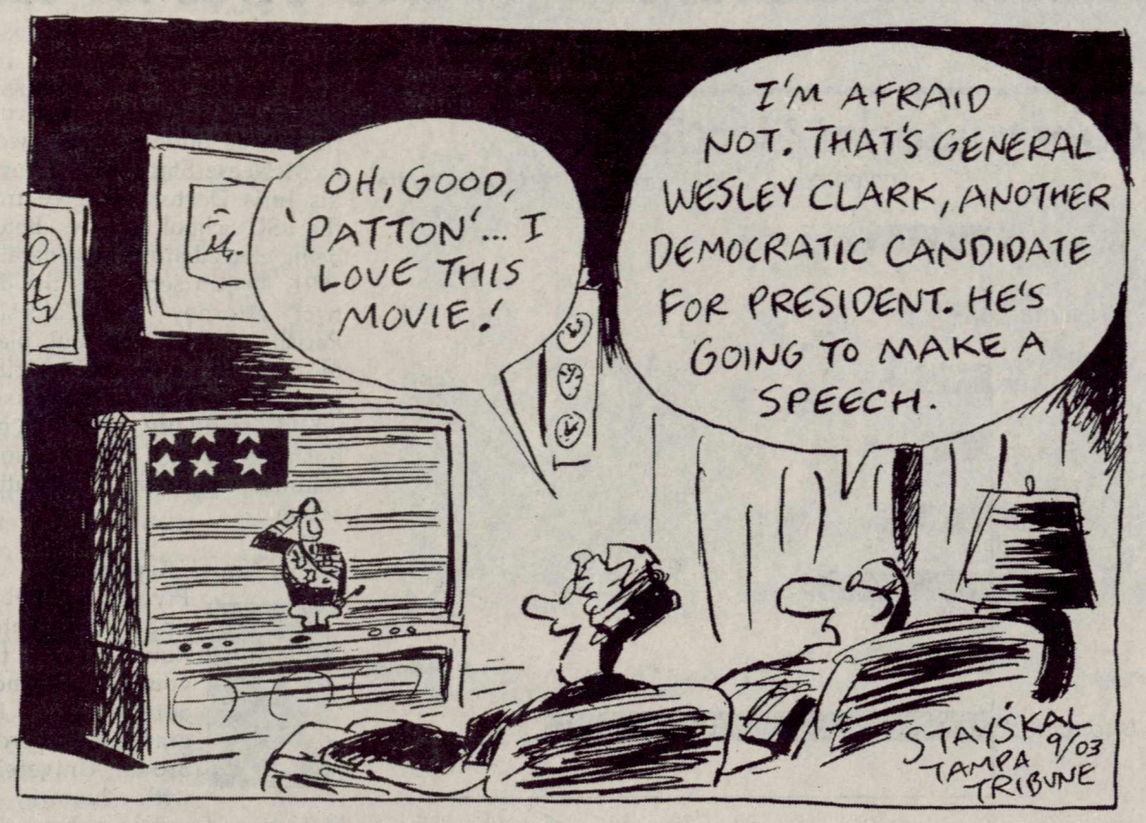
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BY CONNOR JOHNSON



WHAT COPS THINK WHEN THEY'RE WRITING YOUR PARKING TICKET.



Federal aid makes tuition costs rise

By Neal McCluskey
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Americans, it seems, have never been better educated. Between 1970 and 2000 the number of individuals enrolled in institutions of higher learning increased from 8.5 million to 15.3 million. Likewise, from 1971 to 2001, the percentage of 25- to 29-year olds in the United States holding at least a bachelor's degree rose 71 percent. So why, as Congress prepares to reauthorize the federal law governing higher education, are policy-makers so unhappy?

The answer is the ever-rising cost of college tuition, and the anxiety it's causing the public. Fortunately, a new report from the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce, "The College Cost Crisis," contains clues to the solution – if only policy makers would see them.

As the report – released to herald the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act – begins, it identifies the tuition rocket's likely fuel: "Beginning with the Higher Education Act of 1965, the federal government ... has provided significant funding to help ensure that low- and moderate-income students and families are not prevented from receiving a postsecondary education simply because of financial circumstances." This year it accomplished that by "investing roughly $90 billion in higher education, with the bulk of that money, about $65 billion, going directly to students. ..."

Though the $90 billion figure for overall federal higher education funding is staggering, the prime suspect for ballooning tuition costs is the only slightly less staggering $65 billion going directly to students. Consider its effect on demand: A student will "purchase" education at a price he can afford. Extra education money enables him to pay a higher tuition.

In the aggregate, billions of dollars of student aid artificially inflate demand – and average tuition – as students who might not have gone to college do, and others attend more expensive institutions than they otherwise would have. "The College Cost Crisis" acknowledges that federal aid has produced just such an effect: Pell grants alone, it boasts, have "made the dream of college a reality for millions of students" by helping to "defray the cost of higher education."

On the supply side, federal aid makes universities less sensitive about their own costs.

"Increases in financial aid in recent years have enabled colleges and universities blithely to raise tuitions, confident that federal loan subsidies would help cushion the increase," said then-Secretary of Education William J. Bennett in 1987.

The "Bennett hypothesis" – the theory that as long as someone ensures the bills will get paid, colleges will raise tuition – makes sense, especially in light of government's guarantee of an affordable college education for all who want one. It's a reality corroborated by Murray State University President Dr. F. King Alexander, who in a recent hearing told the House Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness that some schools do, in fact, raise tuition because government will cover it.

Unfortunately, despite Alexander's revelation, subcommittee members spent little time digging deeper into the Bennett hypothesis. It's an attitude reflected in "The College Cost Crisis," which gives Bennett's theory only a cursory – but emphatic – nod, with quotes from recent articles in Newsweek and Forbes: "Because parents and students keep coming back for more, there is 'no market constraint to keep them from raising tuition,' Newsweek quotes Ronald Ehrenberg, director of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, as saying. 'People continue to knock on their doors.' And, of course, the federal government continues to increase spending. ..."

So what does the report suggest as a possible solution to the tuition inflation problem? Colleges and universities policing themselves. It would rely on "commitment from the higher education community to not only acknowledge the problem but work toward addressing it, and broad cooperative efforts from all stakeholders in higher education. ..."

Good luck. If the Bennett hypothesis is true, schools have incentive to rein in costs. As lo as colleges are in competition, a university jobs and salar depend on schools drawing ki away from competitors, insti tions of higher learning won't st buying the latest equipme building new facilities, and hiri expensive, "celebrity" professo That is, unless tuition and oth funds become more scarce.

Reauthorization of the High Education Act is an excelle opportunity for all the colleg educated folks in Congress explore the real causes of skyroc eting tuition. Unfortunately, "The College Cost Crisis" is a indication, higher education w continue to be treated as a federa ly ensured entitlement, drivi politicians to keep on fueling t tuition rocket they say they wa to ground.

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I find that the three major administrative problems on a campus are sex fo the students, athletics for the alumni **and parking for the faculty.**

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Letters to the Editor

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Where are the fans?

Once again this past Saturdays football game has come and gone. And as I gazed across the student side of Turpin Stadium I came to a sickening realization. I have never in all my life seen of been to a school where there is so much lack of support from the students at sporting events. I have been to high school games of 15,000 people and we, a university with a student body of 8,000+ students on the Natchitoches campus cannot even get half that many students to a football game. *(Ed. Note: Actual statistics on how many students attend Natchitoches campus classes were not available by press time.)* I just do not understand. Is going home and doing laundry THAT important? Why can't it be done here at school? Now before anyone gets offended I am aware there are those students who work weekends and don't have a choice.

I think too many people, especially in Louisiana, are under the assumption that if the football game isn't being played by a Big XII or SEC school then it can't be fun or it doesn't matter. Well let me tell you that you are sorely mistaken. Ask yourself what is the difference? ATTENDENCE!! hmm, interesting.

I guess what I am trying to say is put off that laundry for one day. Stay in town and take in the whole college gameday experience. You are missing out on so much fun. The tailgating before the game, the game itself, and the fun after the game. It is all day experience. You don't; even have to be a football fan to have fun. Here is a "How To list" if you still are unsure about coming to the game:

Convince your friends to stay in town for the game. The more students the more fun you will have.

Tailgate before the game. Everyone pitch in a few bucks to get your food/beverage of choice and find a tailgate spot. There is plenty of room around Prather for every student to get their eat and drink on.

WEAR PURPLE AND WHITE!! Football games are not fashion shows. Also, I don't care how much you like them or want to go to school there, if you are going to wear LSU stuff.....either leave it home or transfer. You go Northwestern State University show it. Be proud, it is a dam good school.

Get to the game early for YOU Pregame and YOUR Alma Mater

BE LOUD!! Cheer on Th Demons.

After the game.....go out an have FUN!!!

In closing, for those of you wh attend the games keep supportin your school. And for those of yo who don't, you are missing ou Once you graduate and leave NS and get into the real world you a going to wish you went to th games and had as much fun whi you can before all the responsibil ty hits you. Trust Me. So.....G Demons!! And Go NSU!!

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Movie review

'Temptations' a temptingly good comedy

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Jonathan Lynn's movie *The Fighting Temptations* is a hilarious musical that brings out the true essence of gospel music.

Lynn, who also directed *My Cousin Vinny* (1992) and *The Whole Nine Yards* (2000), brings together an all-star cast in a southern setting.

The film is centered on the choirs of the Baptist churches. The main character Darrin (Cuba Gooding, Jr.), a high school dropout from Monte Carlo, Ga. raised by his nightclub-singing mother (Faith Evans).

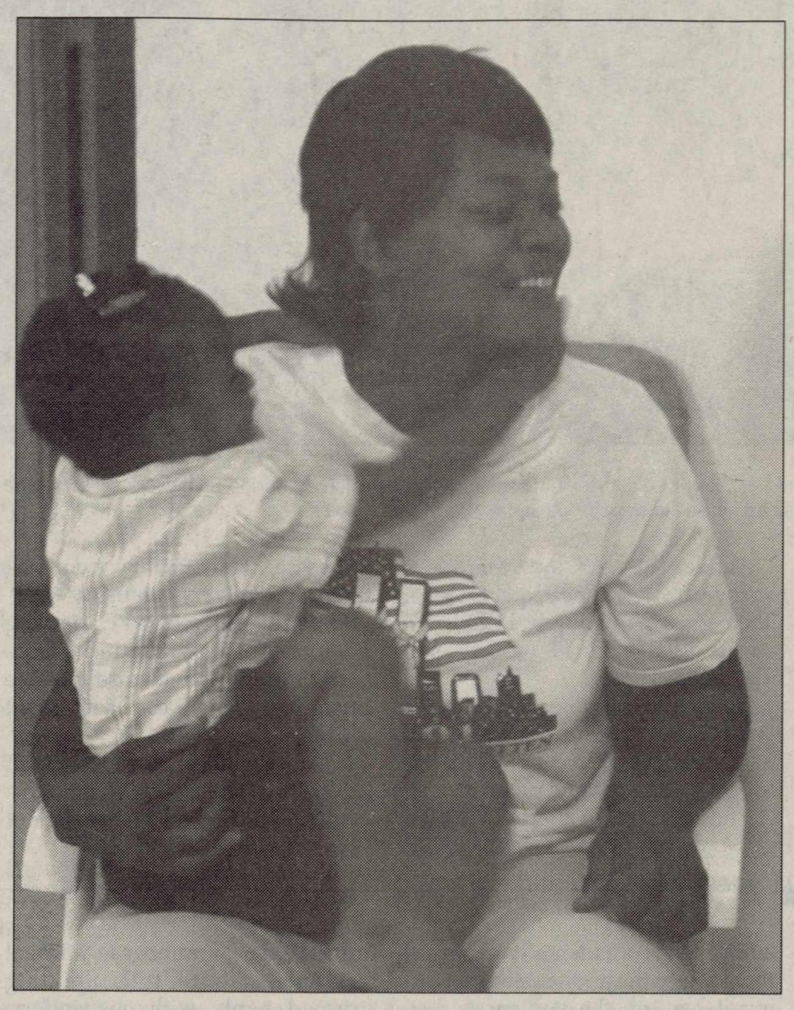
The film brings Darrin into the present as a shallow advertising executive who is fired for fabricating his resume. After losing his job and many financial difficulties; his focus is shifted to the death of his aunt.

Darrin returns to his hometown for the reading of his aunt's will. The will has entitled Darrin to receive an inheritance only if he can get the church choir to win a national choir competition. Darrin begins recruiting anyone from the drunken man on the street to the singers in the barber shop. On Darrin's voyage to recruit new members to the choir, he falls in love with the lead soloist Teri (Beyonce Knowles).

The Fighting Temptations is a movie that keeps your attention focused with lots of laughter. This movie teaches a valuable lesson on life through the "temptations" faced everyday and by how we judge others.

I encourage everyone to give into temptation and go see this five-star movie.

Single students with kids





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Left: Two-year-old Allundrea Jacobs, also known as "NuNu", clings to her mother, freshman NSU business administration major Valandra Matthews. **Right:** Allundrea "NuNu" Jacobs stands near the front door of her home at NSU's married student housing.

> "I feel that it is important to get involved in my daughters' lives and to always remind them of the importance of a good education."
>
> **Valandra Matthews**
> Freshman Business Administration Major and mother of three

By Tasha N. Braggs and Christal Navarre
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If you thought being a full-time student was hard, try doing it with children underfoot. Then add to the mix the stress of building a loving, safe and stable environment, and a steady income to provide for them. Could you handle it?

That is exactly what these four women are doing. Laurie Brown is a junior in NSU's early childhood education program. In and out of school since 1995, Brown attained an associates' degree in early childhood education from Louisiana Technical School in 1999. After a semester break she returned to NSU and has two years left before graduation.

Brown is a single mother with a seven-year-old son, Kaleb. They live in Natchitoches in the University Terrace apartments. While she gets some help from school loans and a Pell grant, Brown still works full-time at Cane River Children's Services while being a full-time student. She also works at Girls Town, and teaches at her church.

"The hardest thing for me is emotionally handling it and being strong for my son. Because I have struggled, I work a full-time job, but yet I can't get housing assistance because I quote 'make too much,'" Brown said.

Now that Kaleb is in school, going to class is a little easier for Brown. When Kaleb was younger, Brown had to take him to class with her if a friend couldn't help baby-sit. Brown said that NSU has a rule that parents can't bring their children to class, but her teachers were very supportive. They were understanding, and if she had to miss class they helped her find other available classes to attend that were covering the same information.

Brown is very proud of her son. She said he is in the second grade, making straight As, and is in the Accelerated Reader program. When Brown attended Louisiana Tech, Kaleb went to the Even Start program, which is very similar to Head Start.

Brown said her biggest supporters have been her friends, Circle K and God. Brown and her son have no other family, and do not have contact with Kaleb's father.

"I have a mixed son and my family disowned me. They told me to have an abortion or have my son. I chose my son."

Keri Patrick, a senior early childhood education major, drops in on her 4-year-old daughter Kaitlin at the Headstart Center on campus, located across from the Warren Easton Laboratory School. Patrick said it is very easy to check on her daughter and volunteer at the Headstart Center while she is student teaching at the laboratory school this semester.

Patrick, originally from Vidalia, La., said that she has lived in Natchitoches five years, having transferred from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Patrick said she became pregnant at age 20 and sat out of school for a year.

Kaitlin was six months old when Patrick decided to return to school.

"I had a lot of support from my family," Patrick said, "My brother moved in for a while to help Kaitlin and me until we got on our feet, and he is like a father figure in her life."

Patrick said the hardest part about being a single parent was leaving Kaitlin to go to work and school. She said the Headstart Center allows her to get involved in Kaitlin's education by volunteering.

"We do have some stressful mornings when preparing for the day," Patrick said. "It can also be very hard when Kaitlin wants to play and I have to do homework, but we manage to maintain very well."

Patrick said she is scheduled to graduate in May and has managed to maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester. Patrick said she is looking forward to her career as a teacher.

"I love kids, and I love being around kids," Patrick said, "I

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DUI speaker tells tale of tragedy

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A crowd of NSU students gathered in the Student Union Wednesday to hear Mark Sterner's tragic tale of a fateful spring break.

As the students settled into their seats, Sterner made his way up to the stage. "How many of you have done something really stupid when you were drunk?" Sterner asks. Almost everyone raised his or her hand. Sterner then proceeded to ask more and more personal questions related to drunken activities. After a series of these questions, Sterner asks, "How many of you have ever killed three of your best friends while driving drunk?" There he stood on stage with his, the sole hand in the air.

At that point, Sterner asked that the lights be turned off and he played a video for the crowd. The video was a recording done by Sterner and his friends documenting their last night on spring break. The last images of his friends before the fatal car accident are caught on that tape.

As the crowd watched and listened to Sterner's retelling, there were soft sobs and sniffing on all sides of the room.

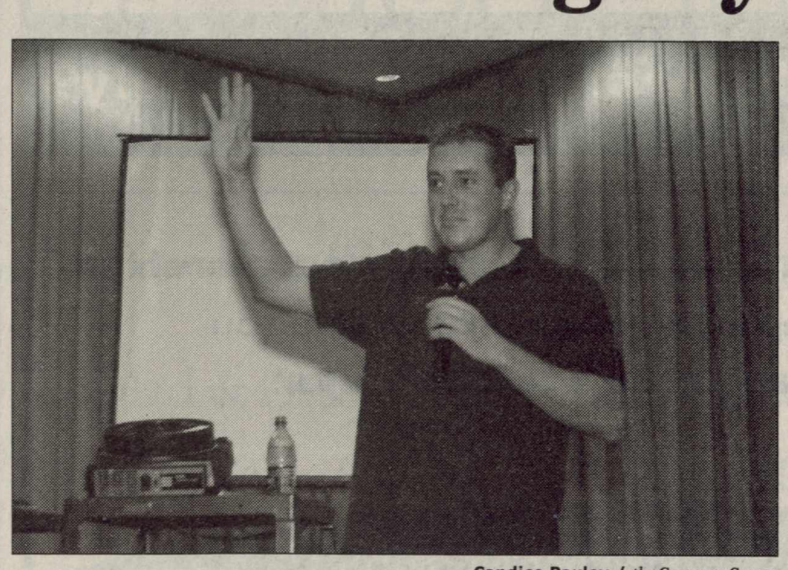
Sterner told the audience about his last night with his friends. Sterner was chosen to drive because he was the least drunk of the five. The last thing Sterner recalls of that night was dancing with his friends in a bar. Two weeks later he woke up in a hospital room to the news that his three best friends, Jim, Aaron, and Pete, were dead. His fifth friend received only minor injuries.

When he heard the news his first thoughts were not about going to jail, but about his friends and their families.

Sterner was then charged for killing his friends while driving under the influence. Sterner served three years in a maximum-security prison in Florida.

After the trial, Sterner had to meet with the parents of the friends that died in the accident. "All I wanted to do was die. I didn't want to go on without my friends," Sterner said. "Would I trade my life for my friends? In a heart beat," Sterner said.

Every day, Sterner asks himself, "Would my friends be married now? Would they have kids?"



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Mark Sterner, enlightens the students with the importance of not drinking and driving.

As the lights came back on, a flushed and teary-eyed Sterner offered to listen to anyone who wished to speak with him.

Ashley Jenkins, a student who attended the program, said, "I've had friends that were killed in drunk driving accidents. I hope that everybody else got something out of it that hasn't had a close experience like this."

Senior Jessica Breaux had seen Sterner speak before. "I wanted to come by again to experience it with the students of Northwestern because I think it's something that we really needed on campus.

Sterner has traveled all over the country speaking to students and adults alike. He has spoken to more than 110 groups this year alone and has told his story to nearly a million people.

Heart of Spain exhibit warms Louisiana

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Two hundred years ago Louisiana was purchased for $1 million.

Today in observation of the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, the Alexandria Museum of Art is hosting The Heart of Spain, an exhibit that has an overall value estimated at more than $61 million.

The Heart of Spain is featuring the artwork of famous artists such as Goya, El Greco, Velasquez and many more. The pieces include paintings, sculptures, tapestries and jewelry, created between the 12th and 18th centuries. Many of these have never left their homes in Spanish museums, convents and monasteries.

For some of the artwork this is the first time that it will be viewed by the public. When the exhibit is over everything will return to Spain. The only remaining piece will be the reproduction of the 12th Century Romanic Chapel; it is a true-to-size replica that El Prado museum has graciously offered in commemoration of this event and will remain at the museum in Alexandria.

Several of NSU's own alumni are helping bring this event together. Public relations graduate Courtney Michiels is working in sales, along with Leigh Flynn, leader of the education liaison team.

"It is a wonderful opportunity not only for workers who are making it happen, but now that it is happening it is a wonderful opportunity for the public as well," Flynn said. "The Spanish government and the Alexandria Museum of Art recognize the need for a strong educational component to support the exhibit."

Public relations major, Brandi Boudreaux said, "There is a great deal of history and it will help me to gain an interest in the Spanish culture and religious background."

For students interested in viewing this piece of Spanish heritage and legacy, NSU's Spanish professor, Comfort Pratt with Maria Sanchez of the Louisiana School of Math Science and the Arts, will be taking a group of students to witness this cultural experience on November 14. The tour will be that morning; students will enter at a discounted rate and can plan on being back on campus by noon.

What's Current?

Louisiana Archaeology Week

The Department of Social Sciences at Northwestern State University will participate in Louisiana Archaeology Week Sept.28-Oct. 4.

The NSU Anthropological Club will host tours of the archaeology laboratory, the Cultural Resource Office Conservation laboratory and the Williamson Museum on the Northwestern campus.

For more information, contact J.T. Stark at 357-5212.

'Ritual Murder' set for Sept. 26-27

Ritual Murder, a one act play is scheduled for Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The play is produced by Juanita Gordon, a local visual artist.

Admission for the production is free. For more information, call Gordon at 352-6627.

Biblical Panel set for Sept. 30

The Louisiana Scholars' College is scheduled to hold a panel discussion on the book of Job.

The panelist will be Rabbi Arnold Task of the Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim of Alexandria, Jim McGill of the Greco Institute of Shreveport, and Rev. Cathy Muder of First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 227 Morrison Hall.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Beauty for the busy

Fashion, health and self-improvement: These factors go hand-in-hand, and they are particularly important to many of us.

For this week's column, I'd like to discuss how to focus on these items of well-being and how to best achieve them.

For the working woman, the single mother, the busy lady:

One of the best things about the fall/winter season is the make-up trend. Make-up for this season can be either dramatic or subtle and still look oh so natural. It is possible to look glamorous and only spend a few minutes in front of the mirror each morning.

For a simple, everyday look--To cover those blemishes, dab on a little concealer and seal with a loose or compact powder. This will give you a nice matte finish without that heavy feel of make-up.

Lip-gloss—Clear lip-gloss is an easy, sexy way to enhance those luscious lips. Apply a neutral lip liner (one close to your skin tone) and don't forget to lightly pencil your entire lip. Apply the gloss over the liner, and your done. Lip-liner not only defines your lips, but it also allows for daylong lipstick/gloss wear.

To enhance those eyes, dab a little gloss on your lids. This adds a touch of shine for a look of relaxed beauty, and it's an easier alternative to eye shadow.

This morning regimen takes no more than five to seven minutes, and it's fantastic for the cost conscious. I'm sure you'll agree the results will definitely be to your liking!

Students: Being in school, whether a parent, traditional, or non-traditional student can be exhausting. Between school, work, other responsibilities, and children, energy is often lost and sometimes discouragement and frustration can become common. When all or any of these things play a part in your life, it's especially important to make sure your health is up to par. Exercise, Exercise, Exercise! I know we hear this quite often, but exercise (along with a healthy diet) truly is important. Of course we all know this and many of us want to become health nuts, but we've got to stop making excuses! " There's not enough time," "I don't want to pay any membership fees," "I'm just not motivated."

Actually, by making time for exercise, your energy level will skyrocket and your days will go by smoother. Keep these things in mind:

Any type of exercise is great—cleaning the house; a short 30-minute aerobics tape; a walk with your children, friend or significant other. None of these factors require much time or money.

Bottom line—throughout the course of the week, make time for yourself! If you must, sit down and make a schedule...one that allots at least 30 minutes a day to take care of you. I guarantee life itself will seem a little more promising! And don't forget ladies, have fun with your make-up this season, be cost-conscious, and don't feel as though you must spend several hours and dollars "beautifying" yourself in the morning. Complement your looks with subtle, inexpensive cosmetic products.

Just remember: every one has a different look. My job is to encourage you guys to accentuate those different looks by appreciating and caring for yourselves. *You* are the most important person in your life!

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believe that waking up each morning and going to teach children is one of the greatest jobs in the world."

Patrick that the best advice she could give to other single mothers in college was to not get caught up into the stressful parts of life, and focus on learning from your child.

"Your child can teach you more as they grow," Patrick said.

While Patrick is learning from her daughter, Valandra Matthews is hoping her daughters will learn from their mother.

Valandra Matthews, a freshman business administration major, is teaching her daughters how to be positive role models. Matthews received her associates' degree in business administration from Houston Community College and came to pursue a bachelor's degree from NSU.

Matthews said that her children had a lot to do with transferring to NSU because she wanted a more safe and positive atmosphere for them to grow up in. Matthews has three daughters, 12-year-old Chansonique, 9-year-old Mikea, and 2-year-old Allundrea, as known as "NuNu".

Matthews said several of the faculty members were extremely helpful in making their transition easier by providing a home in married housing, toys for the children, clothing and food.

"We have been blessed from the time we stepped off the bus," Matthews said.

Matthews' day begins by getting the two oldest children on the bus to Cloutierville Elementary. Matthews said she has to bring her youngest, "NuNu," with her to class until she can get into daycare.

"My professors are very understanding of my situation," Matthews said.

Matthews said she attends class everyday twice a day and makes it home in time to greet her daughters returning from school.

"In the evening we eat and I help them with their homework," Matthews said. "I feel that it is important to get involved in my daughters' lives and to always remind them of the importance of a good education."

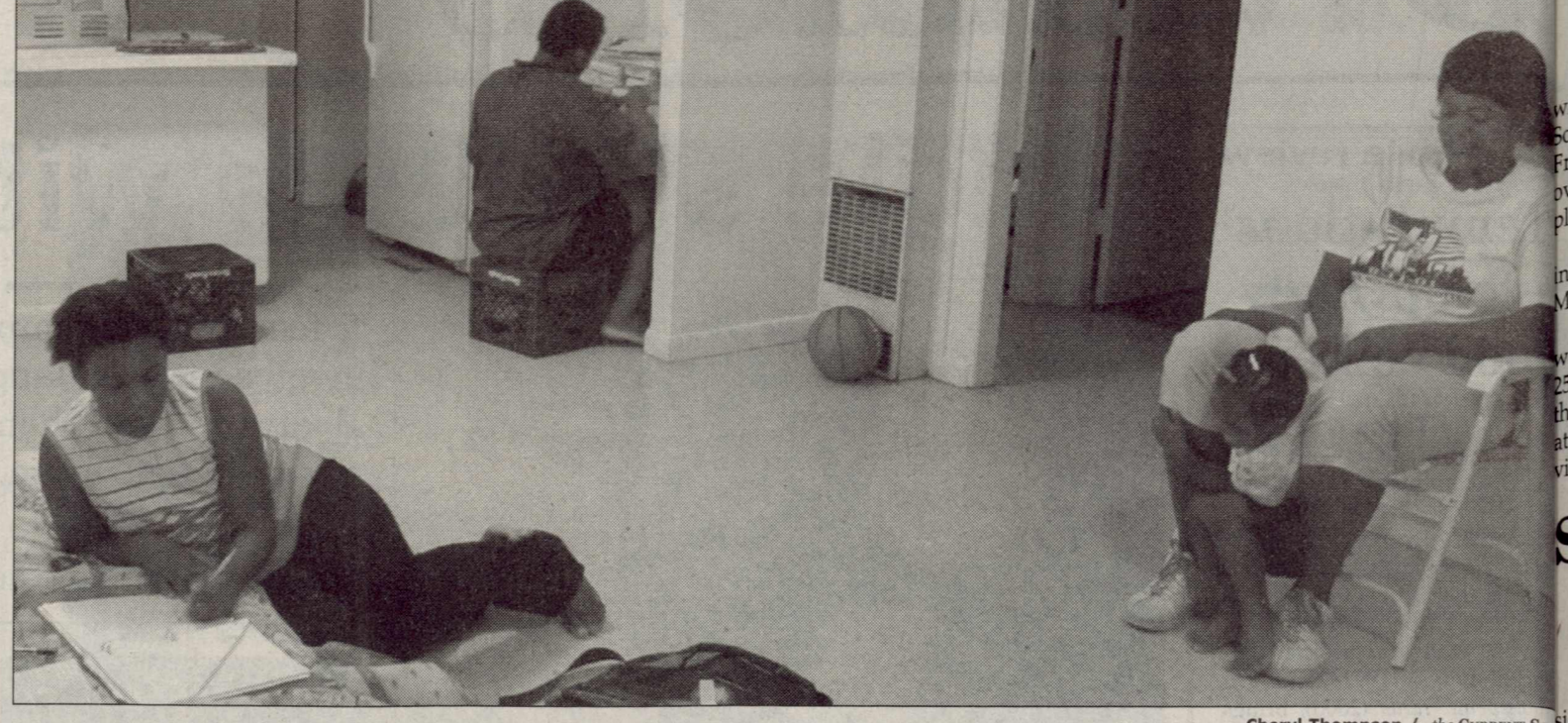
Matthews said she tries to do her studying at night once her kids are in bed. Matthews said that every night the family joins together to say prayers before going to bed.

"When I have an Internet assignment or just need to go to the library, I always try to include my daughters in everything," Matthews said. "We do everything together because I want my daughters to see me as a positive role model so that they can strive for success."

"I like it down here because I have better friends, it is safe to walk down the street, and the people know how to drive," said Mikea, who is in the fourth grade. "At first, I thought it was going to be boring, but God has really blessed us."

Matthews said in the future she would like to open up a facility to encourage other single parents to strive for their best.

"Stay prayed up and know that there is no limit to how high you can go in life," Matthews said.



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From left, 9-year-old Mikea Matthews and her 12-year-old sister Chansonique Matthews study during homework time as little 2-year-old sister Allundrea Jacobs messes with their mother, freshman NSU business administration major Valandra Matthews.

While Patrick and Matthews enjoy the learning experience of their growing children, Peggy Hill awaits the arrival of her son Leymell.

Hill is a sophomore biology major with an emphasis in pharmacy. Hill said she gave up her track scholarship after she became pregnant.

"I didn't believe it after I took the test twice," Hill said, "I cried a long time and was very confused."

Hill said she received counseling from the Women's Resource Center, and through the counseling she began to feel more confident about the pregnancy.

"I am excited because I feel that it is a great gift to bring a life into this world because some women are not as fortunate," Hill said.

Hill said she is currently takin Internet courses until January. H baby is expected in October.

"My biggest fear was not bein able to finish school," Hill said. "M advice to expecting mothers is th it will be hard and very depressin but always be strong and sta prayed up."

NSU show 'New Faces' gets five stars ★★★★★

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It's a new school year, and the theater department has plenty of fresh new talent. Sunday the freshmen theater majors performed for their first audience in "New Faces."

"New Faces," directed by Vicki Parrish, was an interesting mixture of monologues, singing, dancing, and even innovative technical lighting. There were 43 new faces on stage Sunday night in Theatre West, and like most actors they had their good, their bad, and their outstanding.

The evening opened with a group musical number to "There's No Business Like Show Business," complete with choreography. Though a little uncoordinated, the performers were very enthusiastic and made the number entertaining.

In the singing category there were a few who stood out, and were a genuine pleasure to listen to. There was Melody Jones, who sang "I Could Have Danced All Night" from My Fair Lady. Not only was her voice gorgeous, but she actually could, and did, hit every note in the song. Then there was Greg Williams who sang "What Is It About Her." It was a lovely and moving piece, and Williams sang with much emotion. Bryan Williams ended the evening with a song dedicated to his mentor. His voice was refreshing, and he sang from the heart.

While the singers above had the very talented Don Whittaker on piano for them, the dancers had to suffer through horrible audio technical problems. Hands down, the worst part of the evening was the sound system. But the dancers persevered and showed the audience that NSU has recruited some wonderfully talented and creative dancers.

Tamyra Wallace danced to "Crazy In Love" by Beyonce Knowles. With modern dance moves she had everyone clapping along as she hit her mark in time with the beat, and the audience. Kristina Clark and Linzi Rodrigue, better known as "Cookies N Cream," win the award for best save of the night. Their performance was put on hold when the audio techs accidentally dropped the CD into the audience below, losing it beneath the audience's feet. The group had to wait for another CD to be retrieved, and six performances later, were dancing to "Dilemma" from Nelly feat. Kelly Rowland. But the disasters were not over yet when, towards the end of their act, the CD began to skip and then cut out. Without missing a beat the girls began to sing the rest of the song while still dancing in sync with each other. Kudos to them both, the performance embodied the spirit of the saying "the show must go on."

The two most notable dance routines of the evening came from Jeunee Fryer, Krystal McBay, and Taryn Giles. Fryer and McBay performed a dance number to Michael Jackson's "Beat It." Sporting stripped pants with suspenders, white shirts, and hats, the girls had some great choreography that would have pleased the 'King of Pop' himself. Taryn Giles danced to Madonna's "Vogue." Giles was another victim of the audio techs that night as her music also skipped, but she kept going, and the song layed without cutting out. With beautiful and artistic choreography, she was one with the music as her movements were smooth and fluid.

The majority of the performances were monologues. Most noteworthy were Shane Erath with "Sellouts" and Lawryn Wallace with "Sorry" from "For Colored Girls."

The best, however, was a wonderful comedic piece by Elizabet Brietling. Performing "How Learned to Drive," she had th audience laughing throughout th piece, and she conveyed the spirit o three different characters easily an without confusion.

Despite the technical difficultie like when the speaker went out du ing Beau Guedry's and Eri Duhon's song and dance number t "Greased Lightening," ruining th enjoyable number with very lou static, and the annoying and rud audience member who sat behin me and decided to hum his own li tle tunes during monologues, it wa a wonderful showcase of talent an a thoroughly enjoyable night.

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Officials cut ribbons at Morrison, FACS

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The reopening of Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Sciences Building was celebrated September 18 at a ribbon cutting ceremony in the lush new courtyard between the two buildings.

University president Randall Webb said the renovations were an effort to preserve the past and secure the future.

Many professors and distinguished guests honored the event with their presence. Guests included state representative Taylor Townsend and Natchitoches mayor Wayne McCullen. Speakers for the ribbon cutting were state representative Taylor Townsend, Family and Consumer Sciences College head Patricia Pierson, and Louisiana Scholars' College head Margaret Cochran.

Each building's representative had many positive things to say about the renovations.

Cochran said, "Morrison Hall is well suited for the Scholars' College's seminar-styled classes."

Pierson said she was happy to be reunited with the Family and Consumer Sciences building after spending two academic years with classes spread out around campus. She pointed out the need to preserve as many antiques from the building as possible. The department's most precious antique is a bronze betty lamp which is original to the building.

Additions to the Family and Consumer Sciences building included men's restrooms upstairs. Before renovation, the Home Economics department located upstairs, had little need for a men's restroom because of a lack of men in its classes.

Also, Fashion Merchandising students are meeting in red, blue and yellow classrooms, which are a change from the cream-colored or gray walls of other classrooms around campus.

Blair Rohner, a senior fashion merchandising major, said, "I feel the combination of our new building and our staff makes for a great learning environment."

Trends stay away from Emmy awards

By Gail Pennington
KRT Campus

Call it Emmy's Year of the Kiss. In the first 10 minutes of Sunday night's 55th annual ceremonies, Garry Shandling locked lips with Brad Garrett of "Everybody Loves Raymond." Then Matthew Perry of "Friends" planted a big one on Garrett's TV mom, Doris Roberts.

Call it the Year of the Tears, too. The last hour was particularly poignant, as Tony Shalhoub, named best actor in a comedy for USA's "Monk," tearfully paid tribute to his nephew, who died suddenly last week. Immediately afterward, Henry Winkler introduced a touching, if brief, retrospective of the late John Ritter, followed by the annual "In Memoriam" list.

Otherwise, trends were hard to spot Sunday night. With only the top drama awards still to go, no show had mustered enough wins for anything that could be considered a sweep.

Then, as the clock ticked past the three hour mark, HBO's "The Sopranos" stood poised for a triumph. Edie Falco (beleaguered wife Carmela Soprano) was named best actress and James Gandolfini (conflicted mob boss Tony Soprano) took the best actor prize. (Allison Janney of NBC's "The West Wing" and Michael Chiklis of FX's "The Shield" won last year.) Joe Pantoliano, who lost his head last season as Tony's nemesis, Ralphie Cifaretto, had already picked up the supporting actor Emmy. (John Spencer of "The West Wing" won last year.)

In a shocker, however, "The West Wing" won for the fourth time in four years as best drama series, despite suffering through an uneven season of declining ratings that ended in the departure of creator Aaron Sorkin. Sorkin was cheered and embraced by the cast when he took the stage to accept the Emmy, with John Wells, who has taken over as executive producer, standing in the background.

Emmy voters opted for a safe bet in the best comedy series category, choosing "Everybody Loves Raymond" over critical darling "Curb Your Enthusiasm" on HBO which had been considered to have a chance this season. "Friends" won last year.

Debra Messing of NBC's "Will & Grace," nominated four times without a win, picked up the award for lead actress in a comedy series. She might also have been honored as best-dressed of the night in a copper-colored, strapless brocade gown that matched her earrings, her ring and even her hair. (Last year's winner: Jennifer Aniston of "Friends.")

Roberts triumphed over virtually the whole cast of HBO's "Sex and the City" to take home her third Emmy for best supporting actress in a comedy. Then Tyne Daly of CBS' "Judging Amy" knocked off a field of younger contenders to pick up the same prize for drama.

Lulls (and some 3,000 commercials) allowed time to contemplate just what to make of an awards presentation supposedly honoring the best in TV.

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Volleyball team perfect in SLC

Courtesy Sports Information

NSU volleyball coasted to a 3-0 win over Sam Houston State in Southland Conference play here Friday night, improving to 7-6 overall and a perfect 2-0 in league play.

"We got the win but it was ugly in doing it," said coach Leigh Mullins.

NSU hit only .236 on the night with their best effort of .297 in a 30-25 win in the first game. After that, the Lady Demons capitalized on attack and serving errors by the visiting Bearkats (3-5, 0-1).

"We've got to do a better job being consistent," said Mullins. "We got the win and that's what is important but we sure do have a lot of work to do."

Becky David and Priscilla Augusto were the only two Lady Demons to record double-figures in kills – Augusto a game-high 14 and David with 11.

Evelyn Getzen had 10 digs while Flavia Belo set up for 34 assists. Augusto led the team with a .312 hitting percentage getting her kills on 32 attempts and four errors.

Sam Houston State's Carrie Sartain had 14 kills to lead her team. The Bearkats was held to .178 hitting while they spotted NSU 13 points off service errors.

"We had some good hitting but what I was most impressed about tonight was our ability to come back in the third game."

Sam Houston led the Lady Demons by four points late in the third game at one time but NSU forced a couple of errors and found some open spots offensively to go ahead and take home the match.

Next up, the Lady Demons will hit the road for four straight SLC matches beginning with Texas State next Friday. NSU will return home on Oct. 7 when they host Stephen F. Austin.

Soccer wins at home, loses on the road

Courtesy Sports Information

NSU soccer dropped a 5-1 decision to Rice in non-conference action here Sunday.

The Demons were out-shot by a 20-1 count with Stephanie Miller scoring on the only shot taken at the 80:53 mark. The unassisted goal was her team-leading third of the season and came from 25 yards out easing right over the goalkeeper's head.

Rice, 2-4-1 on the season, took an early 1-0 lead at the 11:37 mark on Ashley Anderson's kick from 12 yards out. Less than one minute later, the Owls increased their lead to 2-0 on an unassisted 20 yarder from Sarah Yoder. Vanessa Serrano and Jackie Rellas both scored in the first half giving Rice a 4-0 lead at the break.

Tessa Elliot's goal from the let side completed the scoring for Rice at the 73:54 mark.

NSU beats ULM at home

Junior forward Brittany Hung's goal in the 76th minute was all NSU needed Wednesday to make a successful 2003 Southland Conference women's soccer debut with a 1-0 victory over the visiting Indians of Louisiana-Monroe.

Junior goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais, the 2003 Southland Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player, picked up the win and her third shutout of the season, with 11 saves on 17 shots by the Indians (2-6-1, 0-1 SLC).

NSU (3-5, 1-0 SLC) was outshot in the game 17-16 and 6-5 on corner kicks but used the well-played ball by Hung off the assist by Jacqui Lawrence to take advantage of an open net, beating ULM goalkeeper Rachel Marcom and breaking a scoreless deadlock. Marcom made seven saves.

"You play 90 minutes but the game can be decided in moments, and luckily the most important one of the moments was in our favor," said Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell.

"It was frustrating," said Mitchell. "We played OK but looked fatigued in the second half."

NSU remains at home Friday and Sunday to continue Southland Conference play. The second game in the three-game homestand comes Friday afternoon at 4:30 when NSU takes on the league-leading Southeastern at the Demon Soccer Complex.



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Brittany Hung scores the winning goal.

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09/26 vs. TexSt. — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
09/26 vs. SLU — 4:30 p.m.
09/28 vs. Nicholls — 2 p.m.

SPORTS



Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Baseball Playoffs

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This week I would like to take everyone's minds off last week's NFL disappointments and country music mourning and focus on a different sport. Next week starts the best time of the year for baseball fans. It's the start of the major league's divisional playoffs.

For the next few weeks baseball fans like myself will plaster their eyes to the television while screaming at umpires. It is the horribly wonderful sensation that is known as October.

I would like to give my thoughts and picks for this year, no matter how often I am wrong about them.

This year I am hoping for the same thing I always hope for... a Yankee loss! I can't stand the Yankees and I never will like them.

I like individual players on the current and past Yankee teams, but I can not bring myself to like a team that has continuously bought everything that other teams fight for.

That is the reason I am openly a hypocrite. I am a fan of the Braves and many people see them in the same light as the Yankees. I agree that they do nearly the same thing, but on a much smaller level.

However, with Chipper Jones, Gary Sheffield and Andruw Jones playing outfield and hitting like crazy the Braves may have a chance.

Oakland has as good of a shot as ever with the power of shortstop Miguel Tejada, third baseman Eric Chavez and starting pitcher Barry Zito.

The A's fight every season for a chance at the World Series but always finds themselves beaten out in divisional playoffs.

This year's perfect World Series would be the Houston Astros versus the Boston Red Sox.

The Astros have a great team with the "Killer B's", Jeff Bagwell, Geoff Blum, Craig Biggio, and Lance Berkman.

That's not even mentioning Richard Hidalgo, Adam Everett, Jeff Kent, Orlando Merced, or their great pitching led by Wade Miller and Jeriome Robertson. That's enough to prove they deserve a visit to the big series, but first they have to make it past the Chicago Cubs.

Boston's Bill Mueller, Nomar Garciaparra, Johnny Damon and Manny Ramirez are some of the league's best sluggers and fielders.

Their pitching staff, led by none other than THE Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe, is more than ready for a World Series ring.

That's why I think they will win it all this year. Boston wants it bad this year and I'm tired of hearing Yankee fans scream about that stupid curse.

The Curse of the Great Bambino will be no more and all will be well with the world. At least the Boston fans will be happy once again and the Big Green Monster's legacy can continue.

No matter what NASCAR fans say, baseball will always be the best and this October is destined to be a great one.

Changing positions

By Joshua Barrios
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When a team is down or in need of assistance it usually takes one individual's performance or will for the team to help drive the team to future victory.

That is exactly the case of NSU Demon football player Cory Bell. Bell was moved to defensive back during preseason training after playing three seasons at wide receiver. This means he will have to finish off his collegiate football career on the opposite side of the football.

The idea for the switch came when Head Football Coach Scott Stoker saw the possible problems in the Demon's young defense.

"We realized that our rookie wide receivers were more ready than our rookie defensive backs," Stoker said, "and rather than play some freshmen that aren't quite ready, we wanted to see if Bell could make the switch to help us in the secondary."

Since preseason training, Bell has seemed to make the switch smoothly, but he says the knowledge of defense was already in him.

Bell played wide receiver and defensive back at Garrison High School in Garrison, Texas before coming to NSU as a safety on defense. After a plague of injuries to the offense in his first season as a Demon, Bell was moved to wide receiver.

"The transition back to defensive back is not as hard," Bell says. "It is already there, I'm just refreshing it."

Bell admits he has been a little rusty through the switch to defensive back, but says he is confident that he will be totally ready by conference play, which starts on Oct. 18.

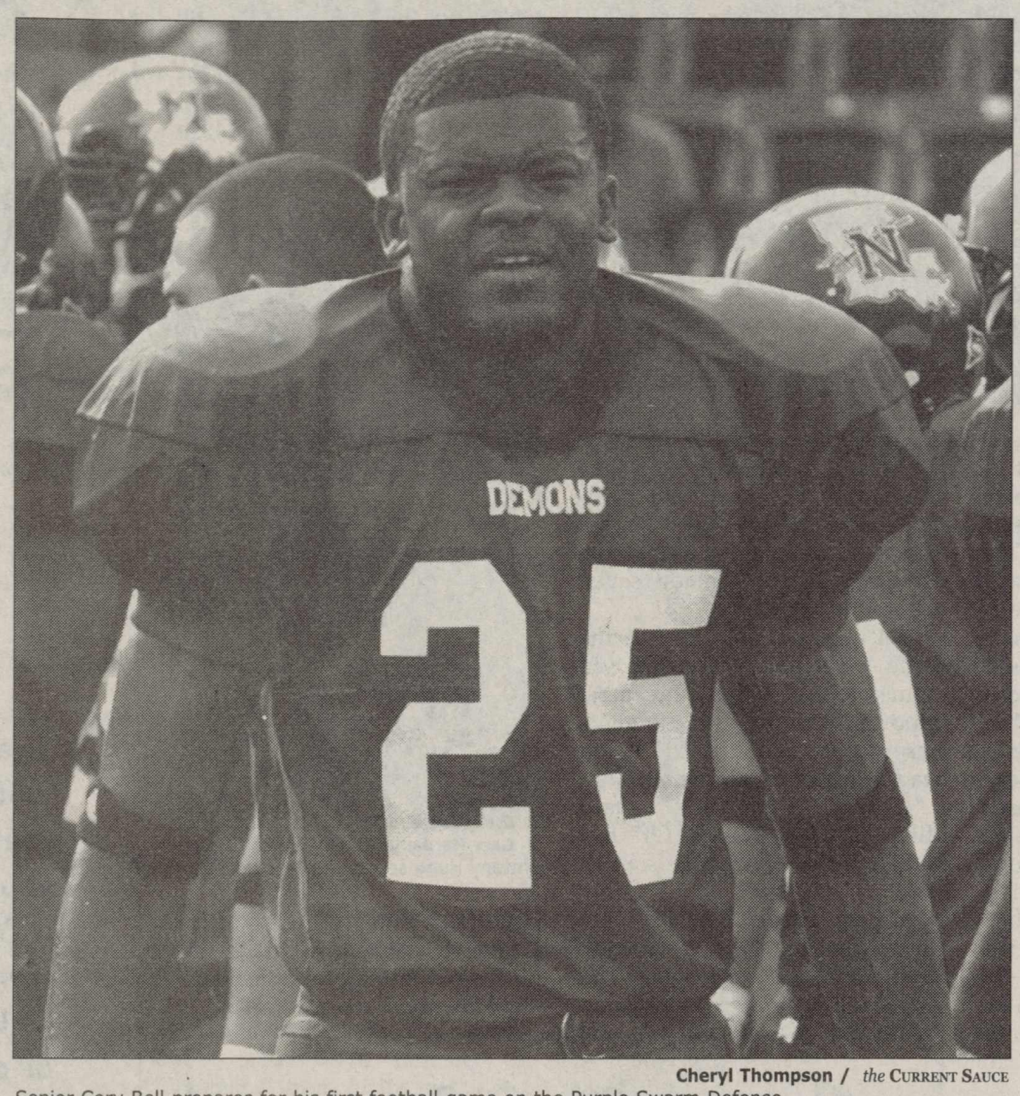
Although Bell says he is excited about playing defense again, Stoker says he may still be used occasionally as a wide receiver.

"Bell has all the skills and is by far the one of our best athletes," Defensive Backs Coach Jason Rollins says. "Defensive back is his natural position, he's just coming home."

Bell is also looking toward the future. He said he will attempt to play professional football after college. His speed, size and footwork are among the abilities he said may help him get to the National Football League.

Another asset to his future in football is his ability to play all around the field. Having worked with offense, defense and special teams Bell has an advantage over those playing only one position.

The NFL may be a possibility for his future, but for now Bell is focused on this season and bettering the Demon football team.



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Senior Cory Bell prepares for his first football game on the Purple Swarm Defense.

Rollins says Bell is valuable to the team as a player and a leader. Bell joins four other seniors on defense who Stoker and Rollins intend to use to help the younger players get better.

Bell said he is ready to help better the team.

"Wherever I fit to help this team, I'm willing to do it," Bell said. "If it's offense, defense or special teams I'm going to be there to do my best."

Funds acquired to reconstruct NSU track

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After two years of a condemned state, NSU's Walter Ledet Track's reconstruction is finally under way.

Last week Athletic Director Greg Burke announced that $600,00 was acquired to make the track useable once again.

Burke said $250,000 will be given to NSU in the fall based on the state's Priority 2 and $350,000 next year based on Priority 5. Money from Priority 2 will be given immediately to the school in order to begin work on the track and Priority 5 money will be given in the next fiscal year after progress has been made.

According to Burke, the drainage system is the main problem with the track and will be the first thing to be fixed. When water collects on the track it flows mainly to the south end causing cracks in the lanes and with the lack of a good drainage the ground stays saturated longer.

"If we do it the right way, starting from the drain up, it won't be a problem for a long, long time," Burke said.

The construction calls for more than just drainage repairs. The track will be totally re-laid and will include a new asphalt base layer and a rubberized track surface.

Burke estimates that the construction will begin in the spring of 2004 and will be completed by the fall of that same year.

This is exciting news for the track and field team who has not been able to compete at home in two years. Their track should be competed just in time to compete in the spring season of 2005.

"This will be a tremendous burden lifted off of the shoulders of the athletes and the coaches," Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said.

This will also be a burden lifted off Natchitoches as well as NSU. The new track will allow home competition from both the collegiate world as well as the high school level.

"It's good business for Natchitoches and NSU," Ireland said.

After construction is competed the new track will still be opened for all students to use.

Last minute score lifts NSU football past UL-M

By Patrick West
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The NSU Demon football team shrugged off a sluggish night to pull out a win against the University of Louisiana at Monroe Indians in the waning seconds of the game.

Quarterback Davon Vinson hit fullback Titus May with three seconds left in the ball game to pick up the 14-10 win over the Indians. Vinson threw a 25-yard pass down the middle to set up a last minute touchdown to gain victory over the Demons' heated rivals.

"I guess I was open coming around the corner and Davon threw the pass and I caught it for the touchdown," May said. "We played like a team tonight and won as a team."

NSU picked up its ninth win over a Division I-A opponent, best by any current Division I-AA team. This was the seventh time in the last 25 years that the outcome of the Demon-Indians game came down to the final minute of play and the fourth time the matchup was settled in the final 15 seconds.

Setting up the dramatic finish was the Purple Swarm Defense. Junior defensive tackle Quintene Newhouse hit Indian running back Kevin Payne forcing a fumble. Senior safety Neil Ponstein immediately recovered setting up the final drive for the Demons.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
The Purple Swarm Defense wraps up an Indian running back in the Demons upset win last Saturday night.

"I was coming off the corner and I saw the ball come loose and I jumped on it like it was a million bucks," Ponstein said.

The Demon offense did not score through most of the game only leading 7-0 at half when the Indians stormed back and took the lead in the second half. NSU had two tries to take the lead but missed two field goals in the fourth quarter from kicker Tommy Hebert.

"The field goals are something we are going to have to work on in practice. I know the kickers are capable, but right now I think it is a mental thing," Head Coach Scott Stoker said.

The win pushes the Demons up to No. 11 in both major Division I-AA polls. Also junior linebacker Jamall Johnson won the Southland Conference defensive player of the week award and was named among four "I-AA.org All-Stars" for the week. Johnson led the Demons with 16 tackles, including 9 solo stops, an interception, a pass breakup, a tackle for lost yards and two quarterback hurries at UL-Monroe. Johnson also won the SLC defensive player of the week award last week after helping the Demons beat Delaware State.

Up next for the Demons is a road trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to face Northern Iowa. The game will be televised on KSHV WB 45 in parts of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The game will air at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (3-5, 1-0)
Home Game

Sept. 17, 2003
Northwestern State
ULM (2-6-1)

NSU 3-ULM 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	1	**1**
ULM	0	0	0

Key Player:
Brittany Hung
Scored the winning g
Junior forward

Sept. 21, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Rice (2-4-1)

NSU 1-RU 5

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	1	1
RU	4	1	**5**

NSU Volleyball (7-6, 2-
Southland Conferenc

Key Player:
Flavia Belo
34 assists
Sophomore Setter

Sept. 19, 2003
Northwestern State
Sam Houston State (3-

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**- 3**
SHSU	25	24	28	- 0

Sept. 13, 2003
Northwestern State
Univ. Louisiana Monroe
(3-8, 0-1)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sc
NSU	30	27	30	28	15	-
ULM	23	30	19	30	11	-

Northwestern State vs
UTEP (5-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sc
NSU	24	30	27	31	9	-
UTEP	30	28	30	29	15	-

Northwestern State vs
Montana (4-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	24	30	29	30	11	-
MSU	30	26	31	27	15	-

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

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Soccer's SLC debut a win

Junior forward Brittan Hung scored the only goal in NSU's Southland Conference soccer debu at home against the La Indians.

NSU defeated ULM 1-0 while junior goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais had her third shutout of the season.

Football game live on WB 45

NSU's football game Saturday afternoon at Northern Iowa will be t evised live to viewers i parts of Louisiana, Texa Arkansas and Oklahom on Shreveport's KSHV-T WB 45. Kickoff is 4:05 p.m. from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

In northwest Louisian KSHV WB 45 is availab to cable subscribers in Bossier and Natchitoche parishes.

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Long-struggling team off to best start in NSU history

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NEWS

NSU conditionally approved for new master's degree

NSU has received conditional approval from the Louisiana Board of Regents for a master's degree program in heritage resources. The implementation date of the program will be determined after the Board receives a progress report from the University next year to address several issues.

Over the next academic year, faculty in the Department of Social Sciences will review the proposed curriculum and develop a plan to recruit students. NSU will provide a report to the Board of Regents with the hope of receiving final approval.

Those who complete the master's program would be qualified for positions with the federal or state governments or the private sector with museums or cultural resources management firms.

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DIVERSIONS

Natchitoches-NSU Symphony presents annual pops Thursday

Charles Demuynck will conduct the orchestra in Prather Coliseum at 7 p.m.

The program will include "Three Cents an Acre," with music by NSU Associate Professor of Music Richard Rose and lyrics by former NSU faculty member Jim Stacy; "Satchmo" by Ted Ricketts; and two spirituals, "Nobody Knows The Troubles I've Seen" and "Songs of The Bayou."

Tickets are $30 per couple or $15 a person.

NSU News Bureau

What's Updated?

NEWS

Research and sponsored programs office names director

Priscilla P. Kilcrease has been named director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Northwestern. Kilcrease has been acting director since 2002.

Kilcrease has been at NSU since 2000 after a 23-year career with the Louisiana Board of Regents. At NSU, Kilcrease was coordinator of the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Dissemination Partnership Project Grant in the University College.

NSU News Bureau

SPORTS

Limbaugh resigns over remarks on Eagles quartback McNabb

CHICAGO (KRT) — ESPN hired Rush Limbaugh to stir up its NFL pregame show.

It got what it wanted.

Late Wednesday he resigned.

The political commentator parted company with ESPN's "NFL Sunday Countdown," following a day in which he defended his comments on his syndicated radio show and the network distanced itself from his comments on Sunday's show about Donovan McNabb. Limbaugh said the Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback was overrated because the media wanted a black quarterback to succeed.

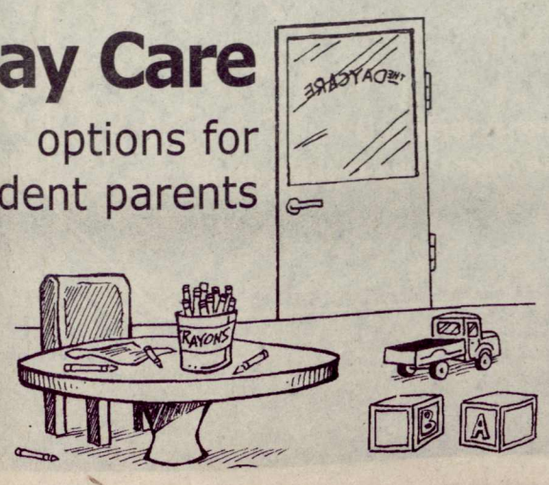
McNabb, who led Philadelphia to two straight NFC title games, was taken aback by the remarks. During his weekly news conference Wednesday, he said he would not accept an apology if one were offered.

KRT Campus

What's Next Week?

Day Care

options for student parents



Roadblock debate continues

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How to solve the traffic problem on campus has recently been a leading topic of

discussion among students, administration and the SGA.

Last week, a piece of legislation concerning a possible solution to the traffic problem failed in the SGA senate. The legislation proposed offering support to the University Traffic and Parking Committee and roadblock a section of Sam Sibley Drive between the Student Union and the Creative and Performing Arts building during the day to prevent students from moving their cars between classes.

The Traffic and Parking Committee's members are made up of faculty, staff, students, NSU Police Chief Rickie Williams and Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl Henry, who is the chairman. All legislation passed by the committee must be approved by the vice president of student affairs and the University president.

Senator Keith Gates was recently appointed as a student member of the Traffic and Parking Committee, but he had not participated in constructing this proposed solution.

"The bill last week was just to show our (SGA) support, which we said that we did not support this, and we don't want this to be done. If they (the Traffic and Parking Committee) still want to do it, they can. They don't need the senate's approval," Gates said.

Henry, who also serves as SGA advisor, said that he brought the roadblock issue to the SGA because he wanted to see how the students would feel about changing traffic patterns on campus.

"They had a good discussion on it, " Henry said, No, they weren't in favor of blocking part of Sam Sibley. On the other hand, I did not go to them to pass a resolution. I went to them because I wanted their opinion."

Henry said that the roadblock proposal has already been passed by the Traffic and Parking Committee. However, Henry said that student input is still being taken into account, and the roadblock has not yet been approved by Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour and University President Randall Webb.

Despite negative feedback from students, Police Chief Rickie Williams said that the proposed roadblock might be something that needs to be done anyway.

"I know the students aren't going to support it, but in the long run they might see that it is to their benefit to do this," Williams said.

One issue that was discussed by the SGA is the possibility of problems that could occur if students continued to move their cars by going around the roadblock.

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SGA adds new senators, holds workshop

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The SGA, including newly elected and appointed members, met Monday to vote on new legislation and hold a new senator workshop.

The SGA senate voted unanimously to allocate $326 to the SGA homecoming brunch on Oct. 21, 2003 where SGA President Greg Comeaux will formally present this year's homecoming court.

The senate also approved a bill to replace the initials "IM" with "Wellness, Recreation and Activities" in the SGA by-laws.

Comeaux was absent from Monday's meeting because he was attending an SGA conference out of town. However, the senate approved his senator-at-large appointments, Jack Halford, who ran for but lost the SGA primary election for senior senator and Ryan Maxwell.

Immediately following the senate meeting, speaker of the senate Zachary Pulliam and SGA vice president Scott Manguno held a workshop for all of the new senators and senators-at-large.

"This is a rebuilding year for us," Pulliam said. "I saw a lot people in here, young freshman and sophomores, who I believe can make a great contribution this year and in the future."

Freshman senator Hunter Landry, who was elected in last week's runoffs, said that he hopes to contribute in any way he can.

"In high school I was very active in student government," Landry said, "I got involved in high school for various reasons and once I did, I really liked it. Every

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Wellness Center work progresses

Contractors on a crane work on the IM/Wellness Center renovations Tuesday afternoon. Contractors had been removing bricks from the front of the building over the previous few days.

IET program earns fast accreditation

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The Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology has accredited Northwestern State University's Industrial Engineering Technology (IET) program.

The Board of Regents approved the IET program, which prepares students for a wide range of careers in manufacturing businesses, in May 2002. Initial accreditation was approved by ABET's Technology Accreditation Commission in August 2003.

The IET program started as Industrial Arts Education, a program to train shop teachers, in the 1940s. As the need for shop teachers declined the program developed into an Industrial Technology program that was much like an IET program. By changing a few details about the program, Engineering Technology Department Head Tom Hall and IET Coordinator Adam Jannik were able to attract the attention of ABET. Hall said that the program's history helped it to become accredited so quickly.

Hall said ABET examined the program's faculty, curriculum, facilities, administration, funding and examples of student work before granting the program accreditation.

Only nine other IET programs in the country are

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NSU to host tech conference

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NSU will be hosting the Region 3 Student AITP Conference Oct. 10 through Oct. 11.

State Farm Insurance, J.C. Penny and Wal-Mart are sponsoring the conference, which includes schools from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

Barbara Russell, computer information systems professor and NSU AITP adviser, said, "For the last year we've been making plans, getting key-note speakers, sponsors, break-out session speakers and competition statements."

Forty-nine colleges and universities that have student AITP chapters have been invited to the conference.

"We expect about 300 (people) to attend," Russell said.

The conference consists of six competitions including C/C ++, COBOL and Visual Basic, which are programming languages that allow students to design programs for different users. The database design competition will require students to build a database using Microsoft Access. The systems analysis competition requires contestants to design a viable system for business use.

Each competition will have first, second, and third places awarded with a trophy going to the college or university of the winning teams. Each student who wins will receive a

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NSU News22 Weekend Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Isolated Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy
87°/64°	89°/65°	87°/64°

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Source: "Safety Is Your Responsibility" pamphlet, NSUPD, 357-5431

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accredited, and NSU has the only accredited program in the state.

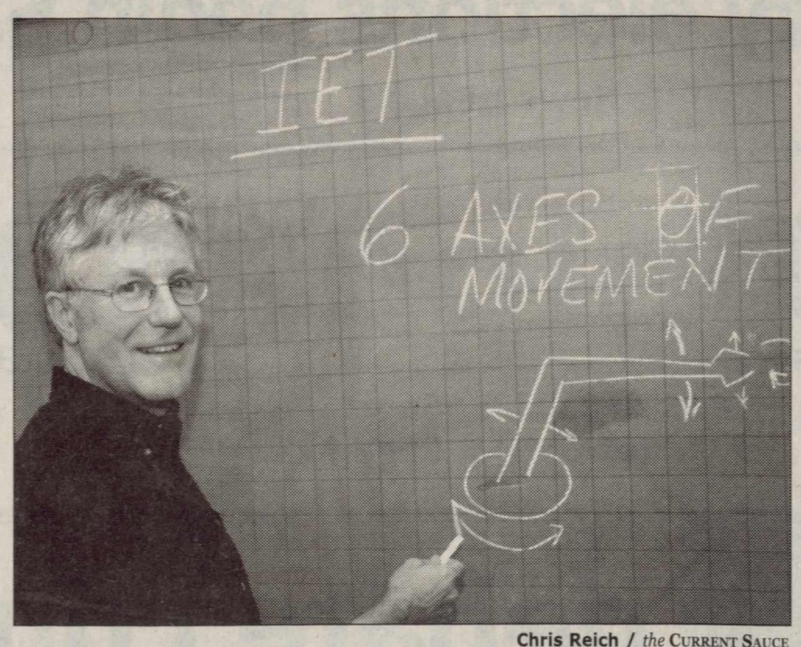
IET students are optimistic about the benefits of accreditation.

"I think it'll make the program well-known," said third year electronics engineering major Donella Pearson.

Third semester IET student James Fallice added, "There's going to be much more emphasis on a hands on approach, from supervision to material technology… it should help the program as a whole out in the real market."

Accreditation will help the 70 students currently enrolled in the program to find jobs with good opportunities for advancement, said Hall.

"Accreditation is like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," said Hall. "In the engineering technology field, employers are familiar with ABET and ABET accredited programs."



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IET department head Tom Hall demonstrates 6 axes of movement on a gridded blackboard. Hall's department earned accreditation in August, less than a year and a half after it was formed in May 2002.

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certificate. Honorable mention awards will be given to fourth through tenth places. Cash awards will also be given.

Oct. 9 is reserved for pre-registration, which will take place at the Ramada Inn's Nakatosh Room from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Competitions will begin Friday at noon. Each competition has a three hour limit. The conference will conclude Saturday with the keynote speakers and awards banquet at noon. Competitors are encouraged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

The cost of the conference is $45 for AITP members $80 for non-AITP members, which includes the cost of membership.

Russell said, "This is the first time the Region 3 Student Conference has been held in Louisiana. We're hoping to make it a memorable experience so all attendees will see what a wonderful city Natchitoches is and what a great university Northwestern is."

For more information visit www.nsula.edu/AITP.

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aspect of it appealed to me, so when I came to college, I knew I wanted to get involved and make a name for myself."

Jerry Whorton, a sophomore senator who was elected in the primary elections, said that one of his main concerns for this year is that the SGA follow through with decisions that it makes.

"We need to fix problems instead of just talking about it," Whorton said.

Whorton said that he has always enjoyed getting involved and making great accomplishments.

"I think it's a great opportunity that at a young age I am able to speak up and make a difference," Whorton said.

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> **Jerry Whorton**
> Sophomore student senator

Junior senator-at-large Leslie Ross, whose appointment was approved last week by the senate, said she plans to take her job seriously and support the desires of the students.

"I also would like to get more involved in the different committees so I can become more familiar with what the University expects from the SGA," Ross said. "I hope that the students understand that there's not always a simple solution to each problem, and we're doing the best that we can."

Next week, the SGA will be voting on a bill proposing to institute a formal application process that a registered student organization must go through in order to be considered a club sport and be eligible to petition the club sports committee for funds.

Another bill on next week's agenda proposes opening half of the study corrals in Watson Library to undergraduate students. According to the bill, the study corrals are currently designated only for graduate students to use and are widely unoccupied during library hours.

NSU Police Blotter

Sept. 22, 2003

9:15 p.m. — A resident of Varnado called campus police regarding two men running around the parking lot dressed in camouflage. The suspects were questioned and released.

Sept. 23, 2003

1:39 p.m. — A resident of Rapides snuck a woman into the dormitory, and the pair refused to leave when they were discovered.

3:46 p.m. — A wreck on Tarlton Drive just past the coliseum involving a car and a motorcycle resulted in the calling of a NPH ambulance. The car suffered moderate damage and the motorcycle was totaled.

Sept. 24, 2003

11:35 p.m. — A hit and run in front of the PE Majors building was reported.

Sept. 25, 2003

8:33 p.m. — The Natchitoches Police Department was called to check out a 911 hang-up at the Louisiana School of Math, Science and the Arts.

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Senator Dustin Floyd said he is concerned about possible traffic congestion on College Avenue.

"There's a lot of traffic on College (Avenue) just from city traffic, and if we are going to add our traffic to city traffic, it's going to make it a nightmare for the businesses on College," Floyd said.

Williams did not share Floyd's concern.

"Yes, it's going to cause a problem on College Avenue, but that's not going to be my problem," Williams said, "It will be the students' problem. Right now, this is my problem. There are a lot of wrecks on campus due to the amount of traffic on campus, but if there is a wreck on College Avenue, that's the city police's problem."

Williams suggested that a simple solution to the parking problem would be enforcing a rule that is already on the books.

Williams said NSU driving regulations state that commuters who have earned less than 45 credit hours must receive a stadium tag. Students with a stadium tag may park in stadium zones only. According to the University's parking zone map, these areas include the parking lots by South Hall, the fieldhouse, and Prather Coliseum.

Williams said that the cashiers at fee payment are supposed to look at how many hours students have and charge them for the appropriate tags. The regular commuter tag is $25, while the stadium tag is $20.

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> Senior student senator

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> **Rickie Williams**
> University police chief

"When you come to get your tag, all our people have to do is see if you paid $20 or $25," Williams said, "The cashiers, for the second year in a row, didn't do what they were supposed to do. They charged everybody $25. We planned on enforcing the rule this year, but we have no control over what the cashiers do. We tell them about it. They know they are supposed to do it. We're going to try again to get them to do it next year."

Henry said that the Traffic and Parking Committee is discussing alternatives to the roadblock proposal such as assigning students to specific parking lots or requiring all freshmen to park at the coliseum.

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Five students arrested, charged for marijuana

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At the request of NSU, the Police Department and Campus Police have been patrolling the campus in search of students possessing narcotics.

"The Natchitoches Police Department began working over the summer with the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force, on government grant funding, to interrupt street-level drug sales," said Natchitoches Police Chief Ralph Peters.

Five NSU students were arrested and charged with simple possession of marijuana as a result of the project.

Students arrested were Jacobie Ellis, 20, Taurean Hankston, 18, Arinn Long, 18, Efaunte Morales, 18, and Lawrence Washington, 21.

Two other Natchitoches residents, Derrick D. Armstrong, 26, and John C. Coutee, 21, were also charged with simple possession of marijuana, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia.

Agents with the Natchitoches Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force and NSU Campus Security apprehended the students after discovering them smoking a cigar containing marijuana in the parking lot of Rapides Hall.

According to the police report, "All suspects were written a summons for simple possession of marijuana and were later released."

In Article IV of the Student Handbook it states, "The following types of conduct is prohibited and individuals found to have committed such infractions are subjected to the sanctions being imposed including the sanction of probation, suspension, or expulsion from the University."

The NSU Student Handbook states, "For unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a person is subject to up to one year of imprisonment and fines up to $5,000."

State primary elections begin Saturday

Run-off forum, speakers already planned

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Even as state primary elections draw near, the first plans for a gubernatorial run-off forum have already been announced.

The primary elections, which begin Saturday, will let voters choose candidates for governor, state representatives and senators, a half-dozen statewide offices and several more parish and municipal offices.

With a close race and a broad pack of candidates, a run-off election for the governor's office seems inevitable. Louisiana Public Broadcasting, along with the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the state Board of Regents organized an hour-long televised run-off forum for Wednesday night at 7 p.m., just four days after the election.

The forum will feature the remaining gubernatorial candidates and focus on education reform.

On Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., NSU adjunct journalism instructor and political writer John Maginnis will discuss the elections and candidates. The presentation, being sponsored by the NSU chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists and the Society of Professional Journalists, is open to the public in the TV studio in Kyser Hall.

For profiles of gubernatorial candidates and state constitutional amendments, see archives of *the Sauce* online at **currentsauce.com**

In addition to the race for governor and 15 constitutional amendments, these other statewide and Natchitoches parish offices are up for election on Saturday:

Lieutenant Governor
J. F. "Rick" Ankesheiln
Kirt Bennett
Clyde C. Holloway
"Mitch" Landrieu
Karl E. Schorr
Melinda Schwegmann

Secretary of State
"Al" Donovan
Scott Lewis
W. Fox McKeithen (Incumbent)

Attorney General
Charles C. Foti, Jr.
Suzanne Haik Terrell

Commissioner, Agriculture and Forestry
"Don" Johnson
"Bob" Odom (Incumbent)

Commissioner, Insurance
Jim R. Bell
E. "No Fault" Fletcher
John Brent "T-T" Fontenot
William E. "Coach" Johnson
"Dan" Kyle
Robert Wooley (Incumbent)

State Rep., Dist. 23
Taylor Townsend (Incumbent)
Pat Todd Jr.

Assessor
D. Rick Hargis (Incumbent)

Rex Britt

Police Juror, Dist. 3
J.W. Scaborough
J.D. Garrett (Incumbent)

Police Juror, Dist. 4
Joe Allen (Incumbent)
Darla Webb
Alice D. Barrios

Police Juror, Dist. 7
Charles Cloud
Calvin "Man" Hay (Incumbent)

Police Juror, Dist. 8
Tom Collier Jr. (Incumbent)
Judy LeBrum Daniels
Nelson B. "Junior" Fredieu

Police Juror, Dist. 9
Trinity Graves
Joel Mitchell
Jessie Hoffpauir
Jason Singletary

Police Juror, Dist. 10
Douglas Masters
Bill Wester
George Posey
Randall W. Wyatt

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Gale Potts Roque (Incumbent)
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Career Day matches jobs, students

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On Tuesday NSU hosted its annual Career Day.

From morning to late afternoon students interacted with businesses, graduate schools, and law enforcement groups. The event was a means to help students become acquainted with these visiting employers and job recruiters. Students were able to obtain information about job requirements, give out resumes and become a familiar face to participating job providers. The ultimate goal of career day was to bring businesses into contact with students who would otherwise not have been able to meet these groups.

Graduate student Latoya Lard said, "(There are) certain places students cannot get to, and career day brings them to the students."

"I am really indecisive of what to do after graduation," Felicia White, Senior psychology major, said, "but by coming here I believe I will enter the job market after school."

Victoria Brakhage, senior criminal justice major, said "For people like me, I don't know what I'm going to do after I graduate, and it (career day) gives me a chance to see companies in my major."

Students are not the only people who gained from career day. The businesses and other groups that attended were able to introduce themselves to educated future members of the job market.

"What we are looking for, on a company standpoint, is the highest education level of employees entering the job market," Jim Tatum, director of recruiting for Tower Loan, said.

Some employers and recruiters came strictly to meet the NSU student body.

Katie Bernard, sales manager at Cypress Bend, said, "We want to get our name to Northwestern."

"This is the only place I come to recruit," Tim Strader, manager of State Farm Systems Department, said. "We recruit at 35 different schools, but I just recruit at this school."

Students who want another chance to meet businesses interested in NSU students must wait until spring. In the spring semester, summer job fair and a teacher job fair will be held.

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The Spanish Club will meet **Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. in Kyser 313.** We will continue construction of our banner for Homecoming.

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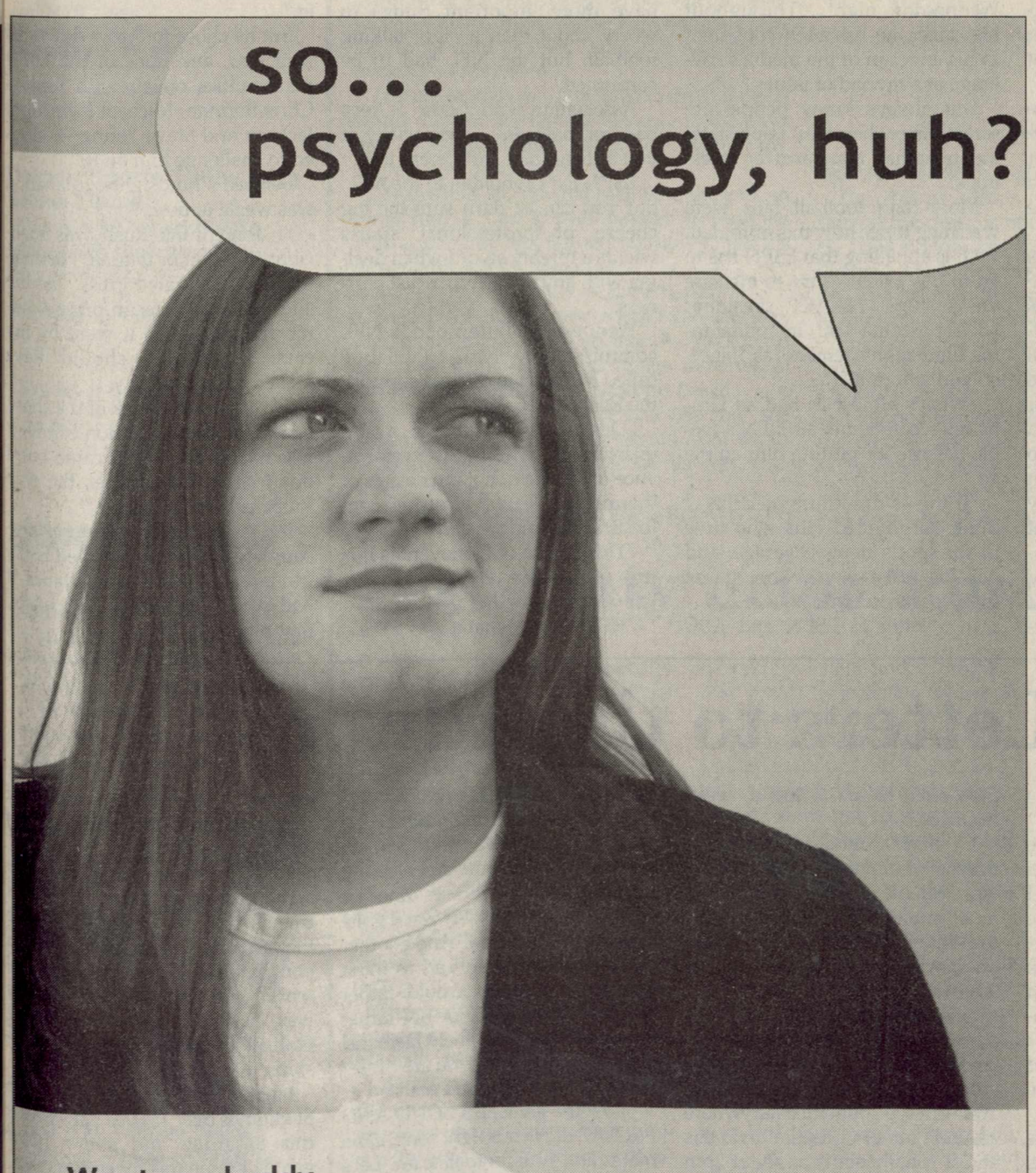
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Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center Oversight Committee
The committee (formerly the IM oversight committee) will **meet every other Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Student Union 222.** The next meeting is **Oct. 8.** Meetings are open to all students. For more information, call the **Student Government Association office** at **357-4501.**

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Column

Military has mixed opinion of Clark

By Joseph L. Galloway
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Not many of those who served with the general who would be president are neutral about him. They either love Gen. Wesley Kanne Clark, or they hate him.

Clark, 59, who graduated first in his class of 579 at West Point in 1966, has shot toward the top of a field of 10 declared candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in just two weeks.

In an informal survey of active-duty and retired general officers, most of whom declined to be quoted by name, the most common descriptions of Clark were "very smart" and "very ambitious."

At least four said that Clark was the "Courtney Massengale" of their generation, a reference to the anti-hero in one of the most popular novels among soldiers, "Once an Eagle" by Anton Myrer.

Myrer's hero is Sam Damon, a Nebraska farm boy without the political pull to get into West Point, who earns his battlefield commission in World War II. Damon is a loyal, honest, self-effacing officer whose first thought and lasting love is for his sergeants and soldiers. Damon's nemesis is Courtney Massengale, a fast-talking, politically connected West Pointer who cares only about his own career.

The book has a cult following among military men; most aspire to be Sam Damon and loathe the Massengales in their midst.

Retired Lt. Gen. Paul Funk said of Clark: "The all important moral force just wasn't there when he was in command. His greatest asset was the ability to sort out which way the wind was blowing."

Retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey notes that Clark volunteered for duty in Vietnam after finishing two years at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Clark commanded a company of foot soldiers in the 1st Battalion 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 and was badly wounded in combat. He earned a Silver Star for valor.

"(He) is probably the most intelligent officer I ever served with," McCaffrey said. "(He has) great integrity, sound judgment and great kindness in dealing with people. He is a public servant of exceptional character and skill."

McCaffrey acknowledged that Clark doesn't fit the mold that most officers traditionally hew to, what he called the "model of courage, simplicity, lack of politics, total downward focus, scheming only to stay out of Washington." He adds, "Wes does not fit - except for the courage - but he still has been a treasure to the national security process."

A senior retired general said that Clark's penchant for going around his bosses eventually got him fired as NATO commander in Europe. "He constantly backdoored the secretary of defense (William Cohen) by going directly to the secretary of state (Madeleine Albright) and the national security adviser (Samuel Berger) to work his agenda, rather than presenting his case directly to his boss."

The general said Clark's downfall as NATO commander was hastened by his actions before and during the Kosovo crisis and air war against the Serbs. He said Clark predicted that two days of bombing would bring Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to his knees. The war lasted 73 days.

Two of Clark's champions, Defense Secretary William Perry and then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili intervened. They engineered the promotion of Clark to four stars and command of U.S. Southern Command in Panama. Clark had survived to fight again.

What the generals who criticize Clark may not understand is that their ideal of a general officer - humble, honest Sam Damon - wouldn't stand a chance in politics. Wesley K. Clark just might.

Joseph L. Galloway *is the senior military correspondent for Knight Ridder Newspapers and co-author of the national best-seller "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young."*



> **Everything is complicated;** if that were not so, life and poetry and **everything else would be a bore.**
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Limbaugh proved to be bad business for ESPN

By John Smallwood
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Give Rush Limbaugh credit. He took the high road after realizing his lowbrow comments had put ESPN in a quandary it didn't know how to get out of.

There was no tucking the genie back in the bottle once things had gotten this big.

ESPN couldn't circle the wagons once CNN had already broadcast Donovan McNabb's weekly press conference live.

The network couldn't crawl into a shell and hide after it expanded "SportsCenter" to 90 minutes so it could devote special segments to the controversy its ill-placed commentator created.

When presidential candidates have jumped into the debate, there's no burying your head in the sand and hoping it goes away.

By midafternoon Wednesday, it was clear the furor over Limbaugh's comments Sunday on ESPN's pregame show was not going to go away quietly.

The political commentator pontificated that the Eagles quarterback is considered an elite player only because of a media agenda designed to artificially elevate the status of black quarterbacks.

By the time the evening news cycle hit and television crews were staking out the airport terminals here awaiting Limbaugh's expected arrival for Thursday's National Association of Broadcasters Radio Show convention, it was clear ESPN was going to have to make a no-win decision. Either it had to fire Limbaugh or face charges that it was supporting a racially charged and hurtful statement uttered on the air by one of its representatives.

Limbaugh took ESPN off the hook. At about midnight Wednesday night, the conservative radio talk-show host released a statement saying that he had resigned from "NFL Sunday Countdown."

ESPN quickly accepted the resignation, noting it was the appropriate decision.

Limbaugh bailed ESPN out.

He saved the network from having to fire him or answer a string of questions about why not.

When this story first broke Tuesday, ESPN spokespeople quickly, and somewhat arrogantly, dismissed it as much ado about nothing.

Once it evolved into the hottest story in the country Wednesday, they had changed their minds.

"Although Mr. Limbaugh today stated that his comments had `no racist intent whatsoever,' we have communicated to Mr. Limbaugh that his comments were insensitive and inappropriate," ESPN said in a statement released early Wednesday night. "Throughout his career, he has been consistent in his criticism of the media's coverage of a myriad of issues."

You always know people are scrambling when they issue statements rather than answer questions.

More than football fans were watching to see how this unfolded.

"It is appalling that ESPN has to go to this extent to try to increase viewership," NAACP president Kweisi Mfume said, in condemning Limbaugh's remarks as "bigoted and ignorant."

"What's almost as bad as Limbaugh's comments is ESPN's feeble defense for putting him on the air.

"If this is the future of ESPN, I think fair-minded fans who tune in for sports news coverage, and not for racist views, should get their sports on other networks."

In a letter to ESPN and ABC Sports president George Bodenheimer Wednesday, Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark urged the network to fire Limbaugh.

"There can be no excuse for such statements," Clark wrote. "Mr. Limbaugh has the right to say whatever he wants, but ABC and ESPN have no obligation to sponsor such hateful and ignorant speech."

Later in the day, Democratic candidate Howard Dean issued a similar plea. Another candidate, the Rev. Al Sharpton, had scheduled a news conference for Thursday at ABC headquarters in New York and said he would call for a national boycott of the network this weekend if Limbaugh was not fired. The Walt Disney Co. owns ABC and ESPN.

OK, with war still raging in Iraq and the economy in shambles, presidential candidates probably have more important things to worry about than a bigot talking football. But the NFL had to be concerned.

Association with racism is very bad for business — especially if you appear to be indifferent to it.

ESPN isn't beholden to the NFL, but you can be darn sure the big cheese of professional sports wields a mighty sword when dealing with any of its "broadcast partners."

Wednesday afternoon, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue called McNabb to express support, the Eagles said.

"Donovan's stature as a top quarterback reflects his performance on the field, not the desires of the media," league vice president Joe Browne said.

"This is true of Donovan as it is true of Brett Favre, Steve McNair, Jeff Garcia and others.

"ESPN knew what it was getting when they hired Mr. Limbaug ESPN selects its on-air talent, n the National Football League."

That's true, but the guys wh run the Masters got CBS to relie commentator Gary McCord of h duties after he said the greens Augusta looked as if "bikini wa had been used on them.

You better believe the NFL has bit more juice than a golf tourn ment.

Limbaugh certainly didn't he ESPN any by acting earlier in t day as if he was the damaged pa ty.

"All this has become the tempe that it is because I must have be right about something," he said o his radio show. "If I wasn't righ there wouldn't be this cacophon of outrage that has sprung up the sports-writer community.

"This is such a mountain out o molehill. There's no racism her there's no racist intent whatsoe er."

But he chose to throw down t race card, and none of the ESP personalities on air with him - Chris Berman, Michael Irvin, To Jackson and Steve Young — elec ed to challenge him on it.

Berman's hindsight explanatio was weak, at best.

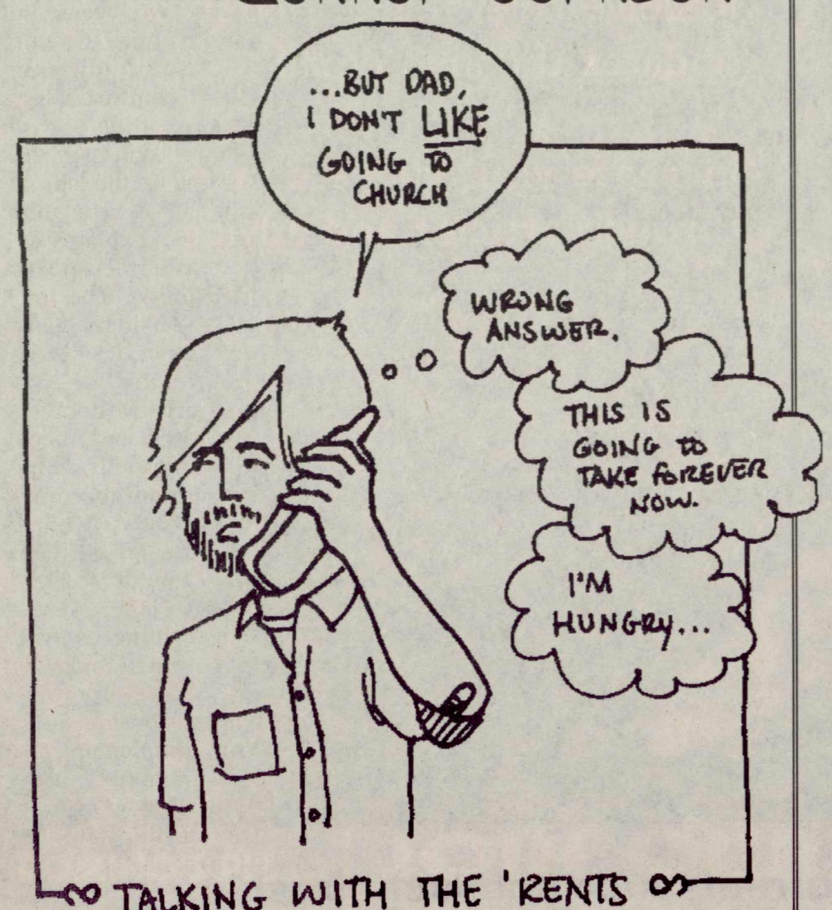
"I don't think Rush was ma cious in intent or in tone," Berma told the Associated Press. "As o and dry as it seems in print, I di n't think so when it went by m ears. I probably should ha looked to soften it.

"As the quarterback of the sho I feel bad about it. I don't think was meant the way it came out don't think that defines the wa Rush feels about people."

It doesn't matter anymore. Lim baugh resigned and stopped ESP from reaping the sour grapes had sowed by hiring him in t first place.

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



Letters to the Editor

More feedback on fans and football games

It was weird seeing Dave Thomas's letter in last week's Sauce. He echoed my very thoughts, and I would like to repeat some of the things he said for emphasis.

I think all students should ask themselves, "Why am I here?" Am I here to sit in my apartment wishing I was at a "better" university? Or should I get off my butt and make something of my college years?

Life is what you make it, and so is NSU! You only get to do this once, so why not work to make it memorable? NSU is a great place to go to school and has very competitive athletics that could be more fun if only more students would get involved. Here's a how-to recap from last week.

1. Stay around for the game instead of running back home to your parents every weekend. The more students that get involved, the better the game-day atmosphere will be and the more fun college will be.

2. TAILGATE! If you are a Greek or involved in other student organizations, this is easy. Get your group down there for a great time. You can get together anywhere around Prather Coliseum to do this and it usually starts at about 2pm for a 6pm game.

3. WEAR PURPLE AND WHITE! This increases the spirit and energy of home games and it would be great to see Turpin packed with our school colors.

4. If you are a student you shouldn't be allowed into a home football game if you are wearing anything that advertises another school, even if you wish you'd gone to school there (LSU). And another thing: it is absolutely sad to think that some students would rather watch the LSU game on TV rather than come support their Demons! If this describes you, you are a loser and it is about time you realized it.

5. At the game, BE LOUD AND PROUD. It is your fight song, alma mater, and your football team. Let's make it rowdy and fun for everyone! Have you heard of Texas A&M's 12th Man? That is what they call the crowd because they have such an impact on games. We can have something very similar we can increase student excitemen for our Demons!

6. As Dave also touched on, hav some post-game plans. Get wi friends and enjoy the great tim that a college game day is! Whe you have to go out into the re world, you are going to wish yo were back here at NSU watchin football and enjoying great friend ships.

Finally, the capacity of Turp Stadium is over 15,000. Let's pack this Saturday and every hom game! I hope this repetition reac es some would-be Demon suppor ers to make a better overall colleg experience. GO DEMONS!

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What's Current?

NSU/Natchitoches Symphony Pops Concert

Thursday, Oct. 2- NSU/Natchitoches Symphony Pops Concert at 7 p.m. at Prather Coliseum

"Reel Homes" to feature Natchitoches

Sunday Oct. 5- Natchitoches appears on HGTV's "Reel Homes" at 9 p.m. EST

"Books For Bucks" book sale

The book sale opens to the public on Oct. 11 at 8 a.m. The Natchitoches Parish Library is located on 450 Second St. Paperback books will be sold for 50 cents and hardbacks for $1. There will also be a large collection of miscellaneous paperback books that are priced from 10 to 25 cents. For more information contact Kaleb Breaux, community outreach coordinator at the Natchitoches Parish Library, at 357-3280

NSU22 Programming

NSU 22 News

Tuesday and Thursday
3:30 p.m. Live
4:30 p.m. Rebroadcast
6:30 p.m. Rebroadcast

DemonLife
This is a 30 minute talk show with NSU students and faculty as guess hosted by the Journalism 3470 class.

Monday – Friday
Noon, 4 p.m. and 6p.m.

Demon Sports Today with Glenn Tillman
This is a 30 minute sports related talk show with NSU athletes as guess.

Monday – Friday
5 p.m.

Sunday – Saturday
2 a.m.

KNWD DJ Schedule

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8-10 a.m. - Tommy McClelland
10-12 a.m. - Kim Brammer
12-2 p.m. - Chris Rodrigues
2-4 p.m. - Adam Carter
4-6 p.m. - Elliot & Adam
6-8 p.m. - Daniel Bailey

Tuesday
8-10 a.m. - Anthony McKaskle
10-12 a.m. - Emily Perkins
12-2 p.m. - Denise Straud
2-4 p.m. - Angla Cobos
4-6 p.m. - Rochelle & LeVitra
6-8 p.m. - Octavies Stringer

Wednesday
8-10 a.m. - Kyle Carter
10-12 a.m. - Tim Miskimon
12-2 p.m. - Phillip Douget
2-4 p.m. - India &Demetria
4-6 p.m. - Amanda Pittman
6-8 p.m. - Kim & Kim

Thursday
8-10 a.m. - Kassie Coltrin
10-12 a.m. - Kaley Wilkins
12-2 p.m. - Derrick Doyle
2-4 p.m. - Brad hartley
4-6 p.m. - Candyce West
6-8 p.m. - Kyle & Leslie

Friday
8-10 a.m. - Thomas & Jessica
10-12 a.m. - Mike & Kurt
12-2 p.m. - Josh Shelby
2-4 p.m. - Albery Cardet
4-6 p.m. - Lisa Nguyen
6-8 p.m. - Olivia & Adryan

Fire Prevention Week is next week

By Callie Reames
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Caldwell Hall, West Hall, Bullard Hall and the Women's Gym—those words have mostly vanished from conversations about present day NSU, just as their blackened and charred walls vanished in searing flames.

Natchitoches Fire Department Chief Dennie Boyt said that in the last 30 years he has personally responded to seven major fires at NSU. There have been eight.

"So you're looking at one serious fire, on average, about every four years," Boyt said.

Those fires do not include the less destructive occurrences such as this summer's lightning-induced fire at the University Columns apartments or the 2000 candle-related fire in Sabine Dormitory.

Next week is National Fire Prevention Week, several days that are set aside annually to educate the public on ways to protect themselves from fires. The week coincides with the Oct. 9 anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871. Over a two day period, that fire killed 250 people and destroyed more than 17,400 structures. Fire Prevention week began in 1922 and has continued for the last 81 years.

Boyt said that approximately 1,700 fires occur each year in college apartments, fraternity houses and sorority houses.

"One of the reasons for increased risk," Boyt said, "is that most students are living away from home, independently, for the first time in their life. They have a tendency to be more lax or irresponsible."

Burning candles is a leading cause of fire-related injuries among college residences, but the number one cause of fire-related deaths is smoking.

Boyt said it is important to be aware of potential fire hazards like neglected candles or cigarettes. Candles and burning incense cause 12,000 residential fires every year, according to the National Fire Prevention Association.

A hazard that Boyt said is sometimes overlooked is electrical outlets. Those extra electrical outlets can be handy, he said, but plugging cords into all the receptacles can cause an overload.

"Eventually at some point, it could and probably will cause a fire to occur," Boyt said.

"We all get lazy, but a shortcut might take your roommate's life or a neighbor down the hall," Boyt said.



Being sober is a method of fire prevention in itself.

"A person could stumble around and knock a candle over," Boyt said about being intoxicated. "Your faculties aren't as sharp when you're under the influence."

Boyt explained basic escape and survival tips for people who do get caught in fires. An elementary but necessary guideline is to be aware of two exits, in the event that one of them is blocked by smoke or fire.

Another tip is consistent response to fire alarms. Boyt said NSU does not have a problem with people pulling the alarms as a prank. For other schools it is a serious issue, and causing a false alarm can always be grounds for criminal charges. When false alarms are frequent, Boyt said students tend to ignore them.

"You're going to get some students who say it's just another false alarm. That's when you have a potential problem," Boyt said.

Boyt said if there is a fire in a building on campus such as Kyser Hall or other buildings with stairwells, it is important to avoid the smoke.

"Never enter a smoke-filled stairwell," Boyt said. "If there happens to be smoke in a building, stay low to the ground."

Boyt explained that smoke drastically cuts the amount of oxygen in the air.

"Normally there's 20 percent oxygen in normal breathing air. It takes about 16 percent or so to maintain life," Boyt said.

It is important to check doors for heat before opening them. Also, if a student is trapped in a room higher than ground level, he should wave something large and white to get the attention of rescuers on the ground.

The Natchitoches Fire Department will visit local elementary schools during the week.

"We interact with the school children. We go into the schools and do fire safety presentations," Boyt said.

Some school classes also visit the fire stations to take a tour and learn about the daily routine of firemen.

Success in the real world takes early planning

By Michele Himmelberg
The Orange County Register
Courtesy KRT Campus

The Alta Coffee & Roasting Co. is a cool enough place. Tucked into an eclectic neighborhood on 31st St., it serves a good latte and the occasional poetry reading or music jam.

It's just not the kind of workplace Melissa English had envisioned while studying for a business/economics degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

But there she was, a high school valedictorian who graduated from college with honors, pouring coffee and politely asking if she should leave room for cream.

Her credentials -no clue what to do in the real world -helped her rapidly advance to the position of president and CEO of the "I've got my degree, now what?" club.

Meanwhile, she cringed each time she took an order from a young, well-dressed professional who apparently had figured out how to put his or her education to good use.

English tells this cruel story on herself.

She left the coffee house about two years ago, did accounting work for six months, got laid off and now works in the mortgage industry, at Duxford Financial Inc. in Newport Beach.

She also wrote a pair of booklets that she hopes will prevent other students from stumbling around the way she did on her way from school to career.

The booklets are aimed at high school and college students, with slight variations.

> "I learned too late that college is only part of the puzzle. Just because you have a degree doesn't mean you are guaranteed a professional job you will love."
>
> **Melissa English**
> College graduate

The college edition, with a yellow caution sign on the cover, is titled "The College-Educated Waiter; How are you going to apply your degree?" The high school edition has a red cover: "Valedictorian turned Waiter; Why you need to think about careers NOW!"

English self-published the booklets and is looking for a way to distribute them in high schools and colleges.

"I learned too late that college is only part of the puzzle," she said. "You have to plan for a career. Just because you have a degree doesn't mean you are guaranteed a professional job you will love. You have to do the legwork. ... early on in your college experience. The time to start thinking about careers is now!"


Courtesy KRT Campus
College graduate Melissa English can't find an ideal job.

She repeats this last line several times, concerned that students will dismiss it.

The books are written in a fun, breezy style, with helpful exercises and illustrations drawn by a friend.

They include letters from other students, some who successfully found jobs they liked and some who thought the perfect career would magically appear within weeks after graduation.

English, 25, still lives in Newport Beach and thrives on the California lifestyle, surfing and snowboarding and playing guitar.

"You think you're doing everything right, being really focused on classes, working hard and getting good grades," she said. "But it wasn't a very good plan because I didn't know where I was going.

Fraternity helps 'Push' disability awareness

By Callie Reames
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Many Greek organizations traditionally participate in philanthropic events, raising money or donating time to a certain cause. Northwestern State University's Pi Kappa Phi chapter is involved with Push America, the fraternity's charity outreach program established by the national chapter in 1977.

The program's mission is to raise money for and awareness of people with disabilities.

Traditional Push America activities are six-week spring-break and weekend camp construction projects to make camps more accessible to people with disabilities; a cross country cycling event; a Florida cycling event; and a program that builds wheelchair ramps in low-income areas.

The next Push America fundraising event at NSU is Oct. 6 -10 and is designed to involve students outside of the fraternity.

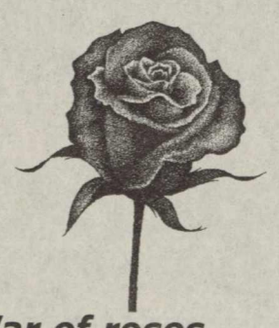
The War of the Roses is a team event for groups of 10 women compete in three fields. Any organization can participate, but there is a $100 team-entry fee.

Jason Stelly, the Pi Kappa Phi public relations chairman, said the $100 pays for T-shirts, event supplies and an empathy dinner. The remainder is donated to Push America.

The athletic part of the competition will be a game of beep ball, which is a version of softball that allows the competitors to identify with the visually impaired.During the game, all of the participants will be blindfolded except the pitcher and catcher. The ball beeps audibly and so do the bases. The players have to listen for the ball. If the player makes it to the beeping base before an infielder catches the ball, a run is scored.

The second area of competition is a general quiz bowl, and the third is fund raising. Each team will try to raise more money than the other teams. That money will be also be donated Push America.

During the empathy dinner, participants will be assigned disabilities such as paralysis, loss of sight and restricted use of fingers, hands and arms. They must then attempt to eat dinner, with or without the help of others. The dinner is meant to demonstrate what difficulties those with disabilities face daily.



War of roses
Oct. 6-10

The registration deadline is Oct. 5.

$100 entry fee

Any female group or organization can participate.

For more information contact Pi Kappa Phi at 356-8500

Family Day to feature ventriloquist, football

By Elizabeth Bolt
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On Saturday, Northwestern will hold its annual Family Day, where students will have the chance to acquaint their parents and other relatives with the University.

Registration will be from 2-5 p.m. in the Fine Arts building. There will be an hour and a half long program in the Fine Arts auditorium featuring this year's guest, ventriloquist Keith Hadrill.

Carl Henry, director of student activities, described Hadrill's performance as very funny and entertaining.

Following the program, students and their family members are invited to attend the football game against Oklahoma Panhandle State at 6 p.m. Demon tailgating begins at 4 p.m. at Turpin Stadium. The University will provide six football tickets to each student to share with family members.

Henry said that Family Day has been around for more than 20 years and has been a positive event for the Office of Student Activities.

The date of Family Day always coincides with a fall home football game.

The University mails out more than 6,000 invitations to families of all full-time NSU students. He said about 1,000 people generally attend.

"Family Day is something we're proud of doing, and we take a lot of pride in organizing and implementing it," Henry said.

The program, entertainment, door prizes and game tickets were added to Family Day after Henry came to work at NSU in 1987.

"These things really make it worth your wile to come here," Henry said. "I bet that Fine Arts auditorium fills up."

Fall Fashions

HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR WARDROBE

By Elizabeth Wellington
Knight Ridder Newspapers

No single look sums up this year's fall fashion.

Some of us will be preppy, letting white cuffs and collars peek out from colorful V-neck sweaters and vests, or pairing that look with faded jeans or cargo khakis. Some will sport 1980s chic, slinking around town in strappy, glittery mini-dresses. Others will dress up in houndstooth knee-length jumpers and Peter-Pan collars for a 1960s tailored look.

"A lot of feminine trends are happening this year," says Laura McDowell, fashion spokeswoman at T.J. Maxx. "We are seeing ruffles on the edges of skirts, pretty embellishments of jackets, faux fur, wrap blouses, and shoes. There is a mixture of everything."

Trends that were popular in the spring will move into fall, especially cargo pants and chandelier earrings.

Whatever look we choose, we must bring in a couple of this season's pieces if we want to be F-R-E-S-H.

•High boots. The perfect footwear for ultra-minis and jumpers, boots are important this winter. For extra pop, buy a pair crafted from alligator skin _ faux or the real deal, it's up to you. Tired of stilettos? Not to worry. This fall, low heels are acceptable. If your legs are thick, look for fabrics that stretch.

"This season, high boots have embellishments with ties and buckles," says Cheryl Patti, owner and buyer for Philadelphia's HeadStart Shoes.

•Plain white tank. Although this unribbed white tank is usually known as underwear, the finished scoopneck takes it to another, sophisticated level. Celebrities such as Kelly Ripa are pairing it with slim-fitting pants for a clean look. Wear your tank tucked in and with heels for a smart, sexy weekend jaunt.

"It's the perfect essential," says Tara McCollum, senior public relations manager at Banana Republic. "Use it in your wardrobe year-round, alone in the summer or layered with a blazer and topcoat for the winter."

•Pumps. Audrey Hepburn dresses and tweed suits will require a classic pair of round-toed pumps, darling! Black, of course, is classy and the most versatile. But everyone should have a pair in cognac because it's sooo sultry. Afraid round-toed pumps are too staid? Buy a pair of deep purple two-inch peep toes. He won't know what hit him.

•The sweat suit. You probably tried to avoid these leisure suits the last two years; but thanks to J-Lo, Juicy Couture and yoga, soft, low-rider sweats offer comfort along with style. For a little oomph, go 1980s retro complete with the white stripe up the leg.

"Our 9-to-5 is a little more dressed up now," explains Eve Freedner, fashion spokeswoman at Express. "The track suit has a fashion edge, thanks to cashmere fabrics. It's not just terry cloth anymore."

•Tweed skirt. Millennium tweed doesn't itch, and, thanks to stretch, it's not stiff, either, so on crisp autumn mornings, pair with a soft cashmere sweater or tie a cardigan around your shoulders. At T.J. Maxx, "We have lots of tweed, plaid and pinstriping, as men's looks get interpreted into feminine styles," McDowell says.

•Silk blouse. Consider this a must-have to complement your fall suits. The simple blouse is great with a skirt or tailored slacks. Jazz it up with bell sleeves, and thank the fashion

■ See **Fashion**, page 6

Matthews' solo work lacks originality ★★★

By Leslie Westbrook
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During the past ten years Dave Matthews has proven his ability to write and perform original, spontaneous and clever songs, but on his recent solo album Some Devil he leaves some of that entertaining spunk in the past.

The album opens with a promising driving tune, "Dodo," but the second track, "So Damn Lucky," plateaus out by the first minute and a half. Matthews may not be fully to blame for the style lull, though.

Despite being listed as guest musician, guitarist Tim Reynolds has become a staple to much of Matthews' work over the past five years. Reynolds contributes to nearly every song on the album.

His contributions have become so commonplace on Matthews' records that it's difficult to distinguish him as a guest anymore. Reynolds' presence has altered Matthews' style for better and worse but has apparently filled a niche Matthews thought was empty.

On a brighter note, Phish guitarist Trey Anastasio brings the music to gasping life by sneaking in a few Phish-style guitar pops and fizzes. Anastasio gave several of the tracks a depth and texture that probably wouldn't have been there at all if he hadn't come along.

The album's title track is an almost sappy, but flawlessly expressed, lament of a sad lover that gives the album its second hint of promise. Unfortunately, Matthews then sends his listeners back to finger tapping through the anti-climatic "Trouble."

Two-thirds into the album Matthews makes up for a few of the CD's uninteresting tracks. His Chris Isaak-style "An' Other Things" sounds like it was inspired by a lazy afternoon on the beach surrounded by palm trees and hula dancers. The song is a nice, cool break, but Matthews picks up where he left off through the next four tracks.

By the end, listeners may be wondering what happened to the Dave Matthews they were accustomed to, but he manages a dose of his assertive "Don't Drink the Water" growl in the last track, an acoustic version of "Gravedigger," which seems to be a eulogy to his father.

The album's additional live CD will satisfy listeners bent on hearing the charismatic and energetic style Matthews has proven him with in the past. Although mos the live tracks aren't new songs, bonus disc does fit like a hea dessert after a tasty, but not memorable, meal.

Some Devil is a sleeper, bu merits a listen for die-h Matthews fans and those who looking for a few new bedtime labyes.

'Cabin Fever' never breaks a sweat ★★1/2

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If you want to see a scary movie… don't go see "Cabin Fever."

"Cabin Fever" is about five college students who decide to take a vacation in the woods after finals. At the cabin they are infected with some unknown fatal disease that eats away the body, thus making the movie a complete gore-fest. The students spend the rest of the movie trying to find a doctor for help, and avoid infection from each other. It is a typical, cliché scary movie, but much more entertaining than the stupidity of movies like "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

Within the first 10 minutes of the movie, the audience gets all the basic elements that stereotype a scary movie. There are five kids -- for this movie, they are college students. They decide to take a trip to the middle of the woods where the neighbors are not within hearing distance of the cabin, and the town that is nearby is hillbilly central. And what cliché scary movie could be complete without the formula of beer, guns, sex scenes, and yes, even weed. Then there are the main characters.

There is Paul (Rider Strong), the so-called wimp that obviously winds up showing the most courage, and Karen (Jordan Ladd), the innocent girl who whines about wanting to go home and so is the first to get the disease. Then there is Jeff (Joey Kern), the spoiled brat who thinks he is 'Mr. Popular' and likes to party, and his bed toy Marcy (Cerina Vincent), the movie's resident porn star. Finally, there is Bert (James DeBello), who is a piece of work. Bert is the epitome of a redneck and a jock all rolled into one character. His vocabulary consists of four words and he's the poster child for the NRA.

If you are looking for the gore factor, this movie is it. One character alone throws up what looks to be about four pints of blood. When too much time has gone by without a substantial amount of blood being shed, or flesh being eaten away, pointless scenes come out of nowhere to keep the blood flowing.

By the way, if you stared at a glass of water for about five minutes or more, wouldn't you have noticed the huge chunk of infected flesh floating in it? Paul and Karen can't.

Oh, and if you didn't catch it the first time from the dramatic change in music every time it is seen… don't touch the water. When the music wasn't enough for the directors to show that water is evil, they put in the music and then fixate camera on the source of water, e when the characters are havin heated discussion that is relevan the plot line, or what there is plot line.

However, not all is lost. Halfw through the movie the prod ers/directors/writers must h realized that the movie wasn't c ing off as scary, and proceeded turn it into a Horror B comedy.

Because of the humor, I give movie two and a half stars. The star is for the sheer brilliance of ending, but you'll have to go se for yourself. On second though save $3 and wait until it comes for rent.

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gods that this season's shiny silk blouse will be washable.

•Sage cashmere sweater. This fall fashionistas are focused on the richer shade of green -in argyle, no less. Another great, versatile must-have: totally college-comfy, thrown over a pair of well-worn jeans, or all grown up with a black skirt or gray cuffed slacks. Buy your sweater a size bigger than you need so it fits smoothly over your stiff-collared white men's shirt for a trendy — and warm — look.

• Mini fedora. These add pizzazz to almost any outfit, especially denim and a belted trench. Cock one to the side and let the brim cover one eye for an air of mystery. To make it more feminine, Sheila Block of the New York-based Accessories Council suggests attaching a flower.

•Doctor's satchel. Buy one of these short-handled wide bags in fire-engine red. You'll be surprised how many outfits it will match, including last year's navy-and-white pinstripe pants and the year before's Diane von Furstenberg wrap dress. Be sure your bag has a cell-phone holder, so you can retrieve it quickly when you hear the ring.

•Brooch. You don't have to buy a new one — with brooches, vintage is always better. It doesn't matter if it's your mother's butterfly or grandmother's elephant, it will add class and remind you of someone you love. "Fashion designers have incorporated brooches into the fall collections, sometimes as an adornment, other times as the focal points of the ensemble," says Helena Krodel, spokeswoman for the Jewelry Information Center.

And now for the men.

•A decent wallet. The key word here is decent. Guys, please throw away that ratty wallet with the peeling leather. Your new one can be Kenneth Cole or Wal-Mart, black or brown. But it needs to be in good shape, because a falling-apart wallet will ruin the best coordinated outfit. Try one with alligator skin or contrast stitching to liven up your look.

•Cotton-blend suit shirt. Sage is a great color for guys, too. Pair it with black or charcoal flat-front slacks for a soft, but professional, look. Vertical stripes also are a must, but here the colors are all over the board. Go crazy with orange, yellow and blues. Don't even try a tie. Wear them untucked with the sleeves rolled up for a "really hot look," says Tony Sparacino of the Philadelphia clothing store Sparacino's.

•Flat-front slacks. You waited a few years hoping this trend would fade away, but it just picked up momentum. "These are such a must because this piece can single-handedly update your wardrobe," Sparacino says. Now, it's time for you to buy a pair in khaki, houndstooth or tweed, and wow everyone with your sense of style.

•A white T. Will this ever go away? No. By now you probably have more white T's that y sleep in than wear in public. B fellas, you still need the shirt, stock up on your three-pac because the fashion rule s applies — you can't wear y white T more than once.

•Newsboy cap. This ti around, this look is for grow ups. The cap in tweed or c duroy tops off your casual l better than a baseball cap e will. Buy in navy or brown, a wear it to the back or front. T side tilt is not a dude thing.

"It's all a part of the trend to dressed up again," Bana Republic's McCollum says. "M are polishing off their look w accessories, from a univers striped scarf to a tie. It's a nod the mod trend."

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NSU gets whipped in Iowa

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Perennial Division I-AA power orthern Iowa entered Saturday fternoon's game with No. 11 orthwestern State unranked and eling unappreciated.

The Panthers won't have those roblems any more after opening quick four-touchdown lead and asting Northwestern 43-10.

The visiting Demons (3-2) lost r the first time in three games. he Panthers (3-1) staked their aim to a Top 25 position with the sounding victory as they outained NSU 372-220 before 13,102 the UNI-Dome.

"We got soundly whipped every ay you can – offense, defense, ecial teams, coaching. We knew e'd have to bring our A-game day and this was about the oth- end of the alphabet," said orthwestern coach Scott Stoker. Take nothing away from Northn Iowa, because they are a great am and played like it today. hey won the battle up front and verywhere else."

The Panthers scored on their rst three series of the afternoon hile the Demons didn't manage first down until their second ay in the second quarter. By en, it was 28-0.

"We got on them early and never let up," said UNI's Mark Farley, who led the Panthers to the I-AA semifinals in his debut as head coach in 2001 but weathered a losing season last year.

"Who would've thought that?," he said. "We've believed we had a very good team all along and we showed it today. This is a very big win for us."

UNI opened the game with a couple of first downs before Tom Petrie connected with Eddie Galles on a 46-yard touchdown strike 2:02 into the contest.

Northwestern couldn't convert a third-and-1 on the ensuing series and six plays later, it was 14-0 after a 31-yard Jason Breeland scamper on a reverse set up a 9-yard quarterback draw by Petrie for the TD.

Mark Dokes made a diving interception on a third-down pass by Vinson, setting UNI up at the Demons' 32 for its next chance. With a roughing-the-passer flag extending the possession, the Panthers cashed in on a 14-yard scoring run by Richard Carter and opened a three-TD advantage less than 10 minutes into the game.

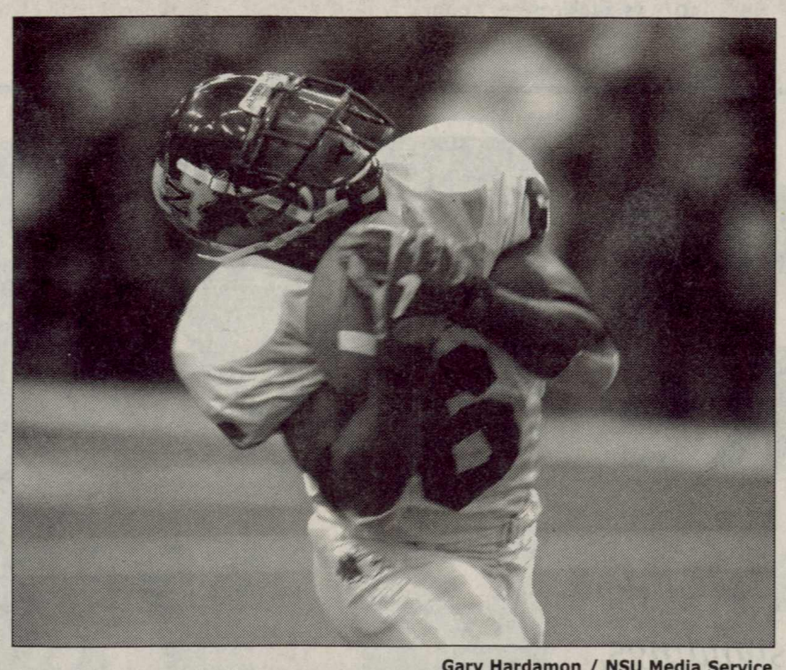
The lead grew to 28-0 at the end of Northwestern's next series when UNI pulled off the first of two blocked punts. Tyler Johnson recovered in the end zone for the Panthers.

"That got us away from what we wanted to do, not that we did that very well anyway," said Stoker. "Our defensive philosophy is to shut down the run and we got the tables turned on us today. If we're forced to throw because we can't run it effectively, we're not at our best by any means."

The teams swapped second-period field goals after the Demons finally got untracked. Vinson accounted for 25 yards on a drive that produced a 49-yard Josh Storrs field goal, the sixth-longest in school history, midway through the second period.

Vinson threw a strike to Marcus Gatlin for a 69-yard bomb with 2:22 left in the third quarter, finally getting NSU into the end zone and making the score 40-10.

Northwestern plays three of its next four games at Turpin Stadium, beginning next Saturday against Oklahoma Panhandle State.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
Marcus Gatlin catches a 69-yard pass from quarterback Davon Vinson against Northern Iowa. NSU lost the game 43-10 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Cross Country wins

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern State's cross country teams entered Centenary's Red River Classic hoping to put up good numbers. They left with two team championships here Saturday.

The Demons finished with a team score of 25 followed by Grambling at 33 and Centenary with 76 points.

All five of NSU's scoring runners finished in the top 10 with Noah Murgor, fresh off a top collegian finish at the Louisiana-Lafayette meet last week, crossed the line second overall with a 25:48.84 clocking.

Grambling's Feedly Bonneau won the top individual honors with a time of 25:41.03.

Other finishers for the Demons had Jonah Chelimo finishing third at 26:54.04; Chris Warren in fifth place with a 28:47.00 time; Chris Groome in sixth at 28:56.05; Aaron Heflin in ninth at 29:40.70 and Phil Hattaway in 12th at 31:02.40.

The Lady Demons won the four-team event with 26 points followed by Grambling with 41, Centenary 74, and Louisiana Tech 100.

Abby Salomon was the leading Lady Demon to cross the line, finishing third overall with a 19:35.16. She was followed by Jill Schenk (4th-19:54.68), Christy Starks (5th-19:59.13), Margeaux Fisher (6th-20:03.41) and LInzie Leford (8th-20:16.91) to round out the scorers. Other Lady Demon finishers were Lesley Lambert with a 21:09.22 to finish 12th and Marcie Ward in 19th with a time of 23:27.21.

Grambling's Hamidya Scipio won the individual title with a 19:11.41.

Tickets go on sale

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Tickets went on sale Wednesday for "Home for the Holidays" college basketball doubleheader at the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City on Saturday, Dec. 20, highlighted by the return of Shreveport native Alana Beard, a consensus All-American, who will lead her highly-ranked Duke Blue Devils against the Northwestern State Lady Demons.

That game pits two of the winningest programs in women's basketball over the past five years. Duke ranks third with 153 wins over that span and Northwestern is 34th nationally with 108 wins.

The Duke-NSU game tips at 1 p.m. on Dec. 20, followed at 3 by a men's contest matching Bossier City native Mike McConathy's Northwestern Demons against 2003 NCAA Tournament entry Troy State, 26-5 last year.

Tickets are available at the CenturyTel Center box office, all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at 318-741-9700 or 1-800-448-5252, and at www.ticketmaster.com online.

Tickets are also available through the NSU Athletic Ticket Office (318-357-4268) and will be available shortly at www.nsudemons.com on the internet. Ticket prices range from $15 to $5, depending on seat locations in the 12,000-seat ultra-modern arena.

The doubleheader is set for the final Saturday before Christmas. Additional ticket locations will be announced soon, said NSU director of athletics Greg Burke.

The road to the Sugar Bowl

By Jeff Shain
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT Campus)

As the 2003 season blows past e quarter pole, it's time to separate the thoroughbreds from the ags.

The schedule's first month ways does a good job of eliminatg 100 or so teams from the ational-title chase, including a w surprises among the stragers.

Such as Auburn, which buckled t of the gate.

Or North Carolina State, forced ide by Wake Forest.

Or Notre Dame, broken down in e first turn.

What's left are 17 teams with a gitimate shot at the Sugar Bowl, me more realistic than others. aturday's Kansas State-Texas ame, for instance, will trim the list 16.

Jockeying for position before ct. 1 is crucial. Since 1990, no tlist has come from lower than 7th in the polls after September. hrow out Oklahoma's crown ree years ago, and the cut could e made even higher.

Though the first Bowl Championship Series ratings remain a few weeks off and two of its computer components have yet to publish, running this week's available numbers through the formula shows some emerging clusters.

Favorites: Oklahoma, Miami, Ohio State, Florida State and Tennessee. The Sooners and Hurricanes hold the inside track, though plenty of obstacles loom. UM, for instance, must play FSU and Tennessee.

Ohio State, dinged in the polls for two close calls, stands third as the digital darling. The Buckeyes schedule ranks toughest by the BCS formula, and they top two of the five available computer ratings.

Control their own destiny: Arkansas, Virginia Tech, LSU, Nebraska, Georgia. All but Georgia are unbeaten, and the Bulldogs can make plenty of hay with games remaining against Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and Auburn.

Lurking: Michigan, Southern California, Washington State, Texas. The Wolverines and Trojans are something of a surprise here, but early schedule strength has been a liability. Both can easily improve standing as conference schedules take hold.

Washington State could be the dark horse of them all. The Cougars are one up on USC in the Pacific-10 race and don't face the Trojans this year.

Holding on: Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Kansas State. Three BCS title games have featured a one-loss team, so you can't count out Pitt and K-State. But they'll need plenty of help, as will the Gophers, 5-0 against four cupcakes and Penn State.

Conspicuous by their absence are the four unbeaten non-BCS teams: Northern Illinois, Louisville, TCU and Air Force. Sorry, we're still waiting for the first BCS invitation from outside the family.

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-Volleyball-
10/3 vs. McNeese — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
10/3 vs. TXST. — 7 p.m.
10/5 vs. SHSU — 1 p.m.



Patrick West
The Way I See It

College Football

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What is the difference between a mid-major team and a major conference team? The main difference is strength of schedule. It matters who a team like Florida State or LSU plays and loses to but a team like Northern Illinois can run the table and go undefeated but only get some low bowl game on Dec. 26. While Florida State or LSU can lose 3 or 4 games and still play on New Years Day in a major bowl game. What is wrong with this picture?

After this past weekend Northern Illinois is undefeated and have beaten big teams this year. The Huskies have defeated then-ranked Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State. Northern Illinois has beat teams in the ACC, SEC and the Big XII. Northern Illinois is rolling right now but because of the Bowl Championship Series formula the Huskies will get screwed out of a good bowl bid. The best the Huskies can do under the BCS formula is the Motor City bowl or the GMAC bowl. Why? Their strength of schedule will not hold up after playing in the MAC conference.

I am not saying the Huskies deserve a BCS bid to the Rose Bowl, but I think they deserve a New Years bowl game. If a team goes undefeated then they should be able to face a solid football team on New Years Day rather than on Dec. 26 in the GMAC Bowl. If LSU can lose four games and make the Cotton Bowl and get thumped by Texas, then an undefeated Northern Illinois team should deserve a shot against the same team even if they get beaten. Heck, a major team got thumped so the undefeated team should have a chance.

The Huskies this year look like the Tulane Green Wave's 1998 undefeated team that went to the Liberty bowl ranked at No. 10. This down right sucks for mid-major teams from Conference USA to the Mid-American Conference.

I was overjoyed Sunday night watching Peyton Manning and the Colts dismantle the "Aint's". Manning threw for 314 yards on 20 of 25 passes and six touchdowns. The Saints are underachieving and have plenty of talent, especially enough not to get blown out at home! I think the Saints need a new leader at quarterback. Aaron Brooks smiled at the end of a blowout in which he had two interceptions and a fumble. Why is he smiling?

I am not commenting much on the Demons let down this past weekend. I'm still trying to swallow that pill. The Demons went on the road to a hostile environment , and got blown out by UNI. I am a little worried with hard road tests coming up like McNeese, Nicholls and the playoffs. Hopefully, the Demons will shape up and not get shipped out.

Look for the Demons to rebound this weekend at Turpin Stadium; you never know what will happen.

Looking to spike

NSU volleyball is no longer at the bottom of the SLC standings, thanks to youth and experience

By Brent Holloway
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The Northwestern State Lady Demons Volleyball program has suffered for many years at or near the bottom of the Southland Conference.

Over the last two seasons the Lady Demons' record is a dismal 17 wins to 48 losses (5-35 in conference play). In fact, the 2000 campaign's 6-14 mark is the best conference record for the NSU team since joining the league in 1987. That could change this year.

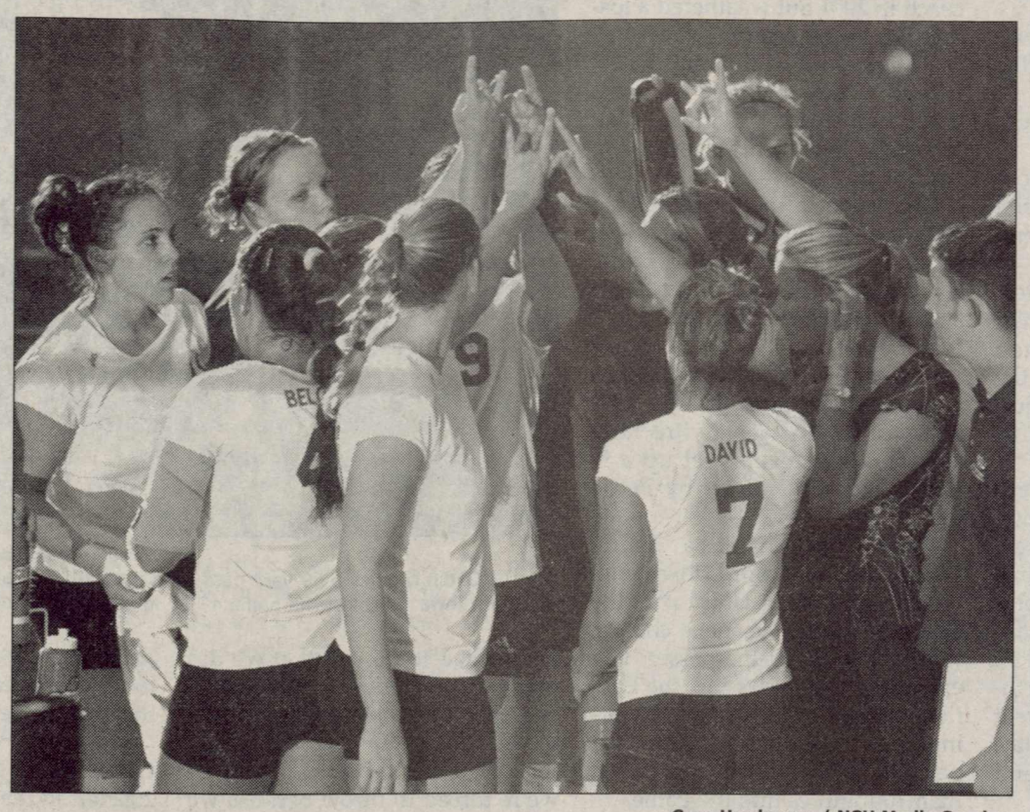
Second-year head coach Leigh Mullins and the Lady Demons jumped out to a 2-0 start in the SLC for the first time in school history, and earlier this year they brought home the Centenary Tournament trophy, sweeping the tournament in four straight wins.

The Lady Demons have used their blend of youth and experience to forge a very competitive team. Freshmen Latoya Sanders, of Baton Rogue, and 5'11 Janel Fisher are two of the newcomers who have stepped up and provided the team with good depth, an aspect missing from teams of the past.

Sanders, a middle blocker, leads the team in blocks and has also added 2 kills/game.

Fisher, who plays outside hitter, was named MVP of the Centenary Tournament and has chipped in with 1.8 kills per game and 1.4 digs per game.

On the other side of the coin are senior leaders, Becky David, Cathy Herring, and Evelyn Getzen. David, a returning starter at outsider hitter, leads the team in kills with 2.9 per game and is third among the Lady Demons with 2.1 digs per game. Herring, touted as one of the league's best defenders, leads the squad in digs with 2.9 per game.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
The Northwestern State Volleyball team gets ready to fork'em before a volleyball game. NSU started off 2-0 in Southland Conference play for the first time in school history. NSU is currently 2-2 in SLC play.

Getzen, an outside hitter, is averaging 2.3 digs per game as well as almost 2 kills per game.

Other major contributors to this year's early success include sophomore setter Flavia Belo, and middle blockers Priscila Augusto and Shannon Puder.

The 5'11 Augusto and 6'2 Puder provide the Lady Demons with good size and solid defense on the interior, while Belo is among the league leaders in assists per game.

Puder is the team's tallest player and has contributed with 2.2 kills and about 1 block per game. Augusto, a junior college transfer, and a native of Brazil, is averaging 2.7 kills and 2.7 digs per game.

Those numbers put the junior at second on the team in each of the respective categories. Belo is another South American import and returns after a stellar freshman season.

She leads the team again in assists with 10.5 per game to go along with 2 digs and 1.2 kills per contest.

With this kind of talent and depth it is easy to see why the Lady Demons have improved so quickly. After dropping a pair on the road last week, the team is currently 7-8 overall and 2-2 in conference play but has actually won more games than its opponents (31-27).

They currently sit right in the middle of the Southland Conference in a tie for fifth place.

Conference play is just heating up, but at the moment the Lady Demons look like they will be turning a few heads this year around the SLC.

The conference's coaches and sports information directors each predicted a tenth place finish for Northwestern State in the 11-team league. The Lady Demons will take on McNeese State and Lamar this weekend.

A successful road trip could serve as a turning point for this revamped team and would definitely go a long way in proving those dire predictions wrong.

NSU crew wins trophy at Baylor

By Patrick West
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The Northwestern State Crew competed in the Baylor Invitational at Waco, Texas, this past weekend.

The NSU Crew came away with the men's team trophy while the women rowers finished second in the team standings.

"It was the best feeling in the world this past weekend," Varsity Rower Seth Fornea said. "I have been working hard for four years to get here."

"The team did very well," Head Coach Alan Pasch said. "Overall, they had a good showing, and worked together."

Pasch said it was the first team trophy the Demon crew has won.

"This shows we have depth, and a lot of people that lead by example and people following those leaders," Pasch said.

The Crew competed against Rice, Baylor, Oklahoma State, Wichita State, Texas A&M and the Austin Rowing Club.

Pasch said that the women's toughest competition was Wichita St who finished first in the team competition ahead of the Demons.

"The women did really well this past weekend, they are rebuilding right now but they are working through a lot of adversity," Pasch said.



Callie Reames / the Current Sauce
The Northwestern State women's crew takes an eight boat out of the water after a race. The women's crew finished 2nd overall.

Pasch said almost every boat medalled and this team is the best NSU has had in a while.

"This crew is definitely faster than previous years and we have tons of confidence right now," Pasch said.

"We have a selection of experience rowers to choose from for boats this season," Fornea said. "This makes any boat we put together have experience and overall be fast."

Up next for the NSU Crew is the Head of the Red in Shreveport. NSU will face Oklahoma, Rice, Baylor, Centenary, Southern Baptist and other colleges.

"I am hoping we have the same results we achieved in Baylor," Pasch said. "We are going into this race really confident and should be one of the top teams there."

Business manager Linda D. Held contributed to this report.

Soccer team wins, loses at home

Courtesy Sports Information

NSU vs. TSU

Goals by sophomores Stephanie Miller and Tara Powasnik gave Demon soccer a 2-1 Southland Conference win over visiting Nicholls State Sunday at the Demon Soccer Complex.

NSU (4-6, 2-1) held the Colonels scoreless in the first half of play but gave up one goal in the 52nd minute of play as Roxanna Gonzales scored the only goal for Nicholls State (2-7, 0-2).

"For once we played passionate," said Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell. "We knew it would be a very physical game because they are the most physical team in the conference."

The Demons got on the scoreboard as Stephanie Miller heads the ball into the net past goalkeeper Lindsay Bartlett off the corner kick by Jacqui Lawrence. It was the fifth goal of the season by Miller and the fifth assists by Lawrence.

Tara Powasnik added the second and game-winning goal in the 77th minute of play off a redirected pass from Natalie Waguespack by Brittany Hung.

Junior goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais, the 2002 SLC Tournament Most Valuable Player, picked up the win with four saves on 10 shots by the Colonels.

Northwestern State freshman midfielder Natalie Waguespack was named Co-Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Week as announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

Waguespack, a 5-5 midfielder from Baker earned player of the week honors after helping the Demons to a 2-1 record on the week with wins over Louisiana-Monroe and Nicholls while allowing just five goals in three games.

She also contributed on the offensive side of the field as she scored her first collegiate goal in the Demons 4-3 loss to first place Southeastern La.

NSU vs. SLU
By Warren Hayes
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The NSU soccer team hosted Southeastern University Friday to mark the second game in the Southland Conference for the Demons.

The Lady Demons fought hard in the rematch of last year's SLC title game but could not prevail.

The Demons entered the series undefeated in SLC play after defeating Monroe Wednesday afternoon. In the first half against the Lady Lions, Goalie Natalie Latiolais stopped Southeastern from scoring four times.

Within 10 minutes of the start of the game, Stephanie Miller scored to put the Demons in the lead 1-0. Shortly after, Southeastern answered with a goal to tie the game.

"We knew that the competition was going to be high," Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "This is a rematch from the 2002 Southland Conference series that we won."

During the second half, NSU's Brittney Hung and Stephanie Miller both scored to bring the Demons in the lead, but Southeastern quickly answered to tie the game 3-3.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
Northwestern State soccer player Stephanie Miller scores one of two goals by the Lady Demons on Sunday. NSU won 2-1 over Nicholls.

"Both teams play with dominance," Mitchell said. "When you play with this level of competition, you play aggressive."

With five minutes left in the game, Southeastern scored to take the victory 4-3.

Overall, Mitchell said he is pleased with the team's performance.

"The team has had a pretty hard schedule," Mitchell said. "The girls have played two games in one week."

Northwestern State (4-6, 2-1) returns to action on Friday when they will face Texas State in a 7 o'clock Southland Conference match-up in San Marcos, Texas.

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NSU Soccer (4-6, 2-1)
Home Game

Sept. 28, 2003
Northwestern State
Nicholls (2-7, 0-2)

NWSU 2-NSU 1

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NWSU	0	2	**2**
NSU	0	1	1

Key Player:
Natalie Waguespack
SLC-Co Defensive Player of the Week
Freshmen midfielder

Sept. 26, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Southeastern (6-1-1)

NSU 3-SLU 4

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	1	2	3
SLU	1	3	**4**

NSU Volleyball (7-8, 2-
Southland Conferenc

Key Player:
Becky David
10 kills
Senior OH

Sept. 27, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Texas-San Antonio (7-

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	20	28	24	- 0
UTSA	30	30	30	- **3**

Sept. 13, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Texas State (7-5, 4-0

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	28	32	27	- 0
TSU	30	34	30	- 3

Northwestern State
SHSU (6-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	- **3**
SHSU	25	24	28	- 0

Northwestern State
ULM (3-12)

Score by Games

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ULM	23	30	19	30	11 -	

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Cross Country team has home meet

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NSU football holds Panhandle St. to negative offense in shutout

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What's Current?

NEWS

Freshman, sophomore die in separate incidents

Two NSU students have died in the past two weeks.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said freshman graphic communications major Joshua Collins, 18, died Sept. 28 from complications with asthma.

Sophomore music education major and Spirit of Northwestern (SON) marching band member Thomas Rogers, 19, died in an automobile accident the morning of Oct. 5.

Services for Rogers are scheduled to be held today at 1 p.m. in Montegut, La., at St. Charles of Borromeo Roman Catholic Church. The SON band is planning to bus band members to and from the services.

The Office of Residential Life is raising money for the families of Collins and Rogers in a joint account. Students wanting to contribute to the fund should visit Student Union Rm. 101-A or call 357-5888.

Elaine Broussard
with NSU22 reporter Glenn Tillman Jr.

University names new Long Purple Line inductees

Five NSU alumni will be inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, during NSU's Homecoming Oct. 24-25.

This year's inductees are U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense commanding general Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr.; Crawford & Company CEO Grover Davis; Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Gary Fields; government attorney Theodore "Ted" L. Jones and University of Arkansas nursing educator Dr. Patricia Thompson.

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Art exhibits open to public

An exhibit of Byzantine Christian iconography by 1959 NSU alumnus Diamantis Cassis will be on display through November 6 in the Orville G. Hanchey Art Gallery.

Also, an exhibit of paintings by NSU graduate Phyllis Lear of Thibodaux are on display through Oct. 31 at Northwestern State University.

The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Schwarzenegger wins Calif. recall

LOS ANGELES (KRT) — Voters in California, the nation's most populous and often influential state, sent an unmistakable signal of discontent, along with an undeniable attraction for celebrity, in the person of Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger. And they were in a punishing mood for the beleaguered Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, the man they had given a second term less than a year ago.

CAMPUS NEWS

Business announces plans for apartments near campus

A company with apartments near Florida State University is planning to build private luxury suite apartments close to NSU.

Frog Pond Apartments said they plan to open the new, private suites by fall 2004.

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What's Next Week?

Well, they may not be next week, but *the Sauce* will give you tips

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on studying, taking the exams, and recovering from the stress
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Absences impede SGA senate

Walkouts nearly cause early end to meeting; Nader lecture kept open to public by single vote

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The SGA met Monday night with four senators absent, and three more senators left during the course of the meeting.

The senators absent were Ryan Maxfield, Leslie Ross, and Jerry Whorton, who were excused by SGA vice president Scott Manguno prior to the meeting, and Craig DeSoto.

Senators Chris Faist, Ashlie Fisher and Buster Carlisle left the meeting before it was adjourned.

Two bills that were tabled at last week's meeting were voted on at Monday's meeting.

The SGA voted unanimously to approve a bill opening study corrals in Watson Library to undergraduate students. According to the bill, the study corrals were previously designated for graduate students only, and most of them remained unoccupied during library hours. Upon approval of this bill, study corrals will be awarded to all students on a first come first serve basis.

A bill proposing to institute a formal application process for recognized student organizations wishing to be considered club sports failed in the senate Monday night.

According to the bill, there is currently no standard definition of what a club sport is.

Senator Keith Gates, who voted against the bill, said that he feels that standard rules concerning club sports need to be placed in the SGA by-laws before an application process can be instituted.

"The bill was a good idea, and I think that we need a way to determine what a club sport is, but I feel that for the sake of permanence, that should be placed in the by-laws. Then, next year when the new senate comes in, they can look at the by-laws and see what the rules are concerning club sports," Gates said.

Two new bills were placed on emergency status and were voted on Monday night.

The first was a bill proposing to allow this year's distinguished lecturer speech by former presidential candidate Ralph Nader to be open to the public. This speech will take place on Nov. 6 in A. A. Fredericks Auditorium, which can seat approximately 1,200 people.

The bill passed by only one vote.

Senator Jack Halford voted against the bill. He said that since the Ralph Nader speech is being paid for by student

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Master at work

Cast and crew members of NSU Theatre's 'Tartuffe' prepare the stage under the watchful eye of master painter Lee Boyer (center, in green). Boyer, who has more than 20 years of experience in theater painting and design, also teaches several workshops a year for university, middle and high school theater departments. Here, he is teaching a school master class on creating faux marble.

NSU prepares new masters curriculum

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NSU students could soon get a masters of the arts degree in Heritage Resources.

The degree is under conditional approval right now which means that the social science department must provide a description of the course curriculum they plan to study under the major along with additional faculty they plan to hire and more detail about the degree program to the board of regents.

Kathleen Byrd, head of the social science department, said, "This will be a great program. We are really enthusiastic about it."

Heritage resources encompasses all the aspects of history that focus on history as a whole. Heritage resources majors study the archeology, culture and economy of the past. Byrd said students studying heritage resources would study a site and look at all the components of this site in terms of the site's history, the people who lived there, how they lived, what resources they had and how they used the resources.

"We would train people to be more sensitive to all aspects of the site, not just the basic history," said Byrd.

Byrd said NSU is a good place to have this kind of degree program because Natchitoches is well-suited for heritage resources. Natchitoches has one of the only centers for preservation technology and training in the United States.

The center is part of the National Park Service.

Natchitoches is one of 22 national heritage areas in the United States, which were designed by Congress.

Natchitoches parish has two state parks and a number of house museums.

"All of this together will make it possible for grad students to work in the area," Byrd said. "This also will allow for internships to be given."

The social science department plans to get final approval during the summer so they can began recruitment in the fall of 2004 and hopefully start classes in fall of 2005. The department plans to hire one more faculty member to help teach the classes for heritage resources. The classes will concentrate on Louisiana history primarily due to the location, said Byrd.

Byrd added, "The skills can be used anywhere, but Natchitoches is a great place to start."

NSU would be the only school in Louisiana to have a heritage resources degree program.

Byrd said, "This would make NSU unique in that way."

Financial aid: Refunds done by next week

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As the semester progresses, the Office of Student Financial Aid continues to issue refund checks to students who are due them.

Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid Misti Chelette said the money to pay TOPS recipients has been received by the University and is currently being applied to student accounts.

"We can't issue refund checks when the University closes its books every month, so that shuts us down for two days," Chelette said. "They did that last week, but this week they opened the books back up, so we started running refunds Monday."

Chelette said that all TOPS money should be accepted and applied to students' accounts by the end of the week, and refund checks are being run nightly.

Also, first-time borrowers' money has been accepted by the University and applied to the accounts of students who are still eligible for

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From left, SGA president Greg Comeaux, Student Affairs Vice President Dan Seymour, Acting Provost Anthony Scheffle, and SAB president Michael Johnson cut the ribbon at the Life Long Learning Center's grand opening.

Nontraditional student center celebrates opening

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The SGA and SAB held the grand opening for the Life Long Learning Center on Monday. The center is designed for any student that is more than 22 years old, commutes to school, or has children.

Michael Johnson, SAB president, said, "About three years ago, a survey of nontraditional students took place to see if a place like this would be beneficial."

SGA president Greg Comeaux said the survey suggested that many nontraditional students have problems in math and English. He said that the SGA and SAB have been working together for the past three years to open a place to meet these student needs.

Comeaux said that all the computers in the center have tutorials for math and

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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fees, it should benefit the students first.

"As controversial as I think Ralph Nader's opinions are, I think it's going to generate a lot of student interest on this campus," Halford said. "I don't think that we'll have room for the public. I'm hoping we won't have room for the public.

"Out of 10,000 people, I hope we can get 1,200 to attend, and opening it up to the public takes spots away from students."

Another option discussed by the SGA was charging a small fee to the public in order to attend.

Keith Gates, who sponsored the bill, said that nobody should be charged.

"It will be good publicity for this University," Gates said. "We should invite as many people as we can. We should even pick them up in buses to come see Ralph Nader.

"I don't agree with Ralph Nader's message, but the man ran third in a presidential election, and you can't beat hearing him speak."

After this bill was passed, Buster Carlisle left the meeting, and he was the third senator to do so. The number of remaining senators was counted, and it was declared that there was no longer quorum. This means that fewer than two-thirds of the voting members were present, and the senate could no longer do business or pass legislation.

However, just as the meeting was about to be adjourned, a recalculation was done. It was determined that a mistake had been made, and there were enough senators remaining to continue business.

A bill proposing to allocate $4,800 to the NSU Flight Team to cover the expenses of attending a regional competition was passed.

The senate also rejected SGA executives' appointment of sophomore Josh Stelly to a senator-at-large seat.

On Monday, the SGA will be voting on a bill to combine the duties of the SGA treasurer and secretary into one position.

Also, next week the SGA will also be voting on a bill to make a revision to its by-laws.

Currently, the by-laws contain the phrase, "to oversee the 'SGA Radio Show'". According to the bill, this suggests that a radio show is or shall be provided for the SGA. The bill states that this is a form of censorship to require KNWD to provide a time slot for the show and that the phrase should be changed to, "to obtain a weekly timeslot for the 'SGA Radio Show', if a time slot is available".

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> SGA Senator

NSU Police Blotter

Sept. 30

11:13 p.m. — Officers were called in response to a riot at the Student Union.

11:30 p.m. — Officers were advised to call for the Natchitoches Police Department for assistance in getting the riot under control.

11:50 p.m. — A student who sustained an injury during the riot was transported to Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Sept. 31

12:05 a.m. — With help of five NPD units, the crowd was dispersed to individual dorms.

Oct. 2

10:43 a.m. — A money theft at Nesom Natatorium was reported.

Oct. 3

An RA from Sabine called to report an unconscious man who was brought into the dorm. The RA requested an officer to come over and take a look at the young man, who was responsive when the officer arrived.

Elizabeth Bolt

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them, Chelette said.

"Depending on the mail, hopefully by next week everyone will have their refund checks," Chelette said.

Chelette said that the Office of Student Financial Aid has provisions in place for students who are having serious problems while waiting for their refunds.

"They can come to us if they have extenuating circumstances, like their electric bill is due and they don't have any money or things like that," Chelette said. "As long as their money is here, and they are just waiting for a check to be cut and issued to them, if they can prove to us the circumstan with a cut off notice from the el tric department, we can have th check cut for them.

"Then, we can have them pick up so they don't have to wait a d or two for it to come in the mail."

Chelette said this is done on case-by-case basis.

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English.

Johnson said this room has been very beneficial so far and he thinks it will continue to benefit nontraditional students in the future.

"We wanted to set up a room like this where they can come and feel like they are a part of the school just like everyone else," Johnson said.

Travis Reams, SAB campus trends committee head, said that SAB would be holding programs and events inside the Life Long Learning Center.

"We have a lot of events plann for next semester. We're interest in doing health screenings a tutoring days with the parents a their children," Reams said.

The center is located in Stude Union Room 222.

Barricades block Kyser bricks

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"Move!"

"Get out of the way!"

These are comments students may have heard in the past while walking behind Kyser Hall and between the Student Union and the Post Office.

Two weeks ago, however, barricades were put up around Kyser Hall, Williamson Hall, the Student Union and the Post Office to reroute traffic and protect pedestrians that use the area.

"Several complaints were made from students as well as staff in regards to safety," said Dan Seymour, vice president for student affairs. Seymour authorized the use of barricades to protect pedestrians.

"It's all about safety," Seymour said.

Seymour explained that there were complaints of students pulling up beside the post office in their vehicles to pick up mail while leaving their vehicles running and blocking traffic.

Complaints also came from campus foodservice provider ARAMARK, Coca-Cola and other delivery workers who said that they could not get through the area to unload their goods and supplies to the University.

"There's been several instances where I have nearly gotten run over when I was crossing the lot to go to the post office," said Head of the Journalism Department Steve Horton, whose office is in Kyser Hall.

Horton said his main concern safety for all students and staff, a the barricades are to keep vehic out of the pedestrian area.

Jennifer Anderson, director auxiliary services, explained th the barricaded area will open on to service vehicles but not studen

Anderson said, "Students we parking in the back of Kyser Ha even after knowing that there is student parking allowed there."

Seymour met with faculty, st and service workers of the fo buildings two weeks ago to discu the best possible solution on ho to reroute traffic to protect pedest ans and make room for deliver men. The barricades were decid as the solution and were put up following day.

There are no plans to add bar cades to other areas of campus.

University prepares flyer enforcemen

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Like graffiti along the streets of New York, colored flyers and signs mask the walls here on NSU's campus.

Flyers are easy to make and hang up, but can now present a problem for businesses or student organizations.

"Flyers are one of the most effective ways for student advertising," said Michael Johnson, student activities board president.

According to NSU's student handbook, though, any person who wishes to advertise, promote or solicit on campus must fill out the appropriate request form, which can be picked up and returned to Student Union Room 214.

Although Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) must complete the solicitation form during recertification at the beginning of each semester, the form can be filled out at any time. Friday is the extended deadline for RSO recertification.

After the deadline, a list of all organizations that have not completed the form will be given to the building managers, which gives them the right to pull down flyers posted by those uncertified organizations.

The list says which organizations cannot solicit until the next recertification period.

Bulletin boards are located in each building on campus for signs and advertisements. Therefore, any uncertified flyers on windows and painted walls will be taken down

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Carl Henry, director of stude activities and organizations, sa these forms are "for the safety everyone. They allow us to kn who is on our campus and w they are advertising and selling.

If a vendor from Natchitoch community wanted to sell pro ucts or advertise on NSU's camp they too would have to fill out request form.

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Magazine features business department

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NSU's business department can now boast national recognition as a result of being featured in the September issue of *Business Week* magazine.

The department, led for the past three years has been by Dean Joel Worley, was included in a special advertising section of the world-wide publication that promoted 12 business schools across the nation.

Worley said the Department still had to purchase the ad themselves, for a reduced rate of $4,500, rather than be covered as an article. Keeping company with NSU were such well-known universities as The Citadel, Indiana University, and Temple University.

"They (*Business Week)* wanted to feature 12 regional universities that had something special to offer, and I think they invited every university in the Southeast to apply for this and we made the cut," Worley said.

Worley said the ad was purchased to help the job prospects of Department graduates.

"The people who read *Business Week* are the people who will be hiring our graduates," Worley said.

The Current Sauce was unable to contact *Business Week* as to whether or not the terms of the ad-purchasing agreement were standard practices and why the Department was not worthy of free coverage.

Groups help clean up the University

Panhellenics join for clean-up

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National Panhellenic Council (NPC) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) are different to the eye, but are proving their ability to work towards the same cause.

Although traditions, in many ways, have set them apart, these groups can and do work together. Last Friday NPC and NPHC participated in the NSU campus clean-up in preparation for Saturday's Family Day.

Carrie Beth Burns, panhellenic social chair for NPC, was in charge of the event. She said she was excited and happy to have the two groups working together.

"NPC and NPHC do things separately, but we chose to do the campus clean-up together," Burns said. "The most important thing is creating unity on our campus."

Although attendance for Campus Clean-Up was lower than hoped for, representatives from most sororities and NPHC fraternities participated.

Phalynetta Bowie, working with Lisa Wilson of Zeta Phi Beta, said, "It was a good deed to our campus grounds."

They both agreed that it was a fun way to bond with the other sororities and fraternities.

Morgan Cedars and Rachel Breedlove of Sigma Sigma Sigma said they enjoyed the experience too.

"It's a great way to clean up the campus while getting to know other groups," Cedars said.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities for Greek life, was pleased with the outcome.

"With NPC and NPHC working together, Greeks on campus are becoming more infraternal, not only as Greeks, but also in beautifying Northwestern," Pasch said. "They're working together to beautify our campus as well as the Greek system."



Candice Pauley / the Current Sauce
Sarah Baker carries bags of cans for Club NEO. NEO and both the National Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council participated in separate activities to reduce the amount of trash on campus.

NEO more than just recycling

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Club NEO not only strives to keep NSU environmentally clean, it raises funds for a good cause while doing so.

NEO stands for Northwestern Environmental Organization. It is the club that placed recycling bins for aluminum cans that say, "Cans only—no Trash" around campus.

Club NEO collects, cleans and recycles the aluminum and then donates all profits to the Humane Society of Natchitoches. In the club's first two years, it has already donated the profits of more than 1,050 gallons of aluminum to the society.

Members of the club have other projects as well. They have planted trees around campus and have even bought and saved a piece of endangered rainforest in South America.

They are currently working with the SGA and SAB to present Ralph Nader with a certificate of recognition during his November visit to NSU. They also have plans to adopt and sponsor an endangered species. They do all this through campus fundraisers, such as bake sales, that raise awareness as well as money.

The club also participates in volunteer events including "Keep Natchitoches Beautiful."

The club, which was created through grants from the SGA and SAB, is always looking for new members.

"We are always recruiting because about 90 percent of our club is comprised of graduating seniors," said club president Ciel Dafford.

For more information, attend a meeting or call 354-9539. Meetings are held Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Rm.145 of Morrison Hall.

New private apartments planned for fall

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In an empty field across from campus, there is a sign foretelling the existence of student-focused housing.

This housing is not NSU housing, an extension of University Columns, or sanctioned in any way by NSU. It is Frog Pond Apartments and in fall 2004 will be the newest residential option in Natchitoches.

Frog Pond Apartments started in Tallahassee, Florida, as a housing choice for Florida State University. Its property manager Richard Wyzanski said it caught on so well that they decided to expand to Natchitoches.

"The amenities are what really drive the facility," Wyzanski said.

Those amenities include an outdoor heated swimming pool, hot tub and a tiki bar pool deck. There will be 24-hour fitness center and a high-speed Internet lab.

Each four-bedroom, four-bathroom suite will have a washer and dryer and new appliances.

"That sounds really cool," Megan Mercantile, a junior health and human performance major, said, but added, "if they're cheap enough."

Each resident who signs up for an apartment before December 31 will pay $299 per month. Other initial costs are a $300 refundable deposit, a $175 move out charge and a $25 application fee. The move out fee will pay for cleaning and painting when a resident moves out.

Kama Guillory, a junior graphic communication major, said, "$300 per person is kind of expensive." The rent does not include utilities or furniture.

"If it included everything or some stuff it would be ok," Guillory said.

Zack Horton, a sophomore English major lives with two friends in the Fleur de Lis apartments and said the cost of Frog Pond apartments would be a major deterrent. He personally pays one third of his apartment's rent, or $160 per month.

Horton did think the apartments sounded nice.

"I guess that's good if you've got $300 a month," Horton said.

Joe Lejeune, a junior aviation major said, "They need more apartments. They need more living space around here. I think it's a good idea."

In a couple of months Frog Pond will have a trailer at the construction site for prospective residents.

"People will be able to come into the trailer, see the architectural rendition," Wyzanski said.

Frog Pond's Web site, www.Frogpond.biz, has some information about the new Natchitoches site. It includes a link to the Tallahassee apartments that provides detailed information about their amenities, services and floor plans.

Wyzanski said the Natchitoches apartments, however, will not be exactly the same.

"It will be a similar living environment," Wyzanski said. The Natchitoches apartments will be 1,350 square feet in area, while the Tallahassee apartments have more than 1,750 square feet.

Natchitoches's Frog Pond will be made up of 10 residential buildings, each three floors high with four suites per floor. Each suite will house four people.

"We do have roommate matching for groups of less than four," Wyzanski said. The management will match students according to their interests.

An added option with these apartments is furnishings. For $50 per month per person, residents can have their apartment furnished. Sofas, loveseats, tables, bedroom ensembles and 32-inch televisions will be rented out to those residents who choose this amenity.

NSU's University Columns, one of the larger apartment communities in Natchitoches offers four bedroom apartments for $291 per month. Fleur de Lis Apartments offer two bedroom apartments for $485 per month. The White Columns Apartments have two bedroom apartments for $474 per month. Welch Estate's two bedroom furnished apartments are $650 per month.

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International Student Organizational
The International Student Organization will have its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m.today in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

All students at NSU are invited to become members and there is no fee for membership.

One goal is to help students attending NSU from other nations meet American students and share an understanding of regional and local culture.

A second goal is to provide a means by which American-born students can learn about overseas study under programs such as the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

For more information call **John R. Foster at 357-5666 or e-mail foster@nsula.edu.**

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Editorial

Nothing funny about this

From the Chicago Tribune

This editorial is about humor, so it will not be funny. You can be pretty sure of that. Some of the most unfunny things you may ever read involve various academics or even comedians trying to dissect and explain why a certain joke works.

It works because it works. Shining a light on it invariably makes the whole thing deflate like an overbaked souffle. As we said, so not funny.

That, however, doesn't stop the researchers from probing the funny bone. The latest news in humor research is equally unfunny: Researchers have ascertained that along with everything else that stops working as you get older, your sense of humor may go, too. Or at least, researchers found that the ability to understand more complex jokes can deteriorate with age. That's the conclusion of a recent study published in the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society. The elderly still appreciate a good joke, they found, but they may not get the punch line as often.

How do they know? Well, they tested seniors and compared their responses to younger folks.

Here's a sample joke, in which the respondent is asked to choose from four different punch lines. The neighborhood borrower approached Mr. Smith at noon on Sunday and inquired, "Say, Smith, are you using your lawnmower this afternoon?"

"Yes I am," Smith replied warily.

Then the neighborhood borrower answered:

1. "Fine, then you won't be wanting your golf clubs. I'll just borrow them."

2. "Oops, as the rake he walked on barely missed his face."

3. "Oh well, can I borrow it when you're done, then?"

4. "The birds are always eating my grass seed."

If you answered 1, your sense of humor is intact, according to the researchers. If you answered 4, you should probably see your doctor soon. But what if you answered 2? That, according to the researchers, was a "humorous non sequitur," which, while funny, "did not provide a coherent ending to the joke."

The elderly, the study said, made more errors compared to the young in selecting punch lines to complete jokes and in selecting a funny cartoon from among an array of cartoons. The researchers suggested the trouble might lie in the right frontal lobe area — the area neurologists say is critical to recognizing a joke — and the aging process.

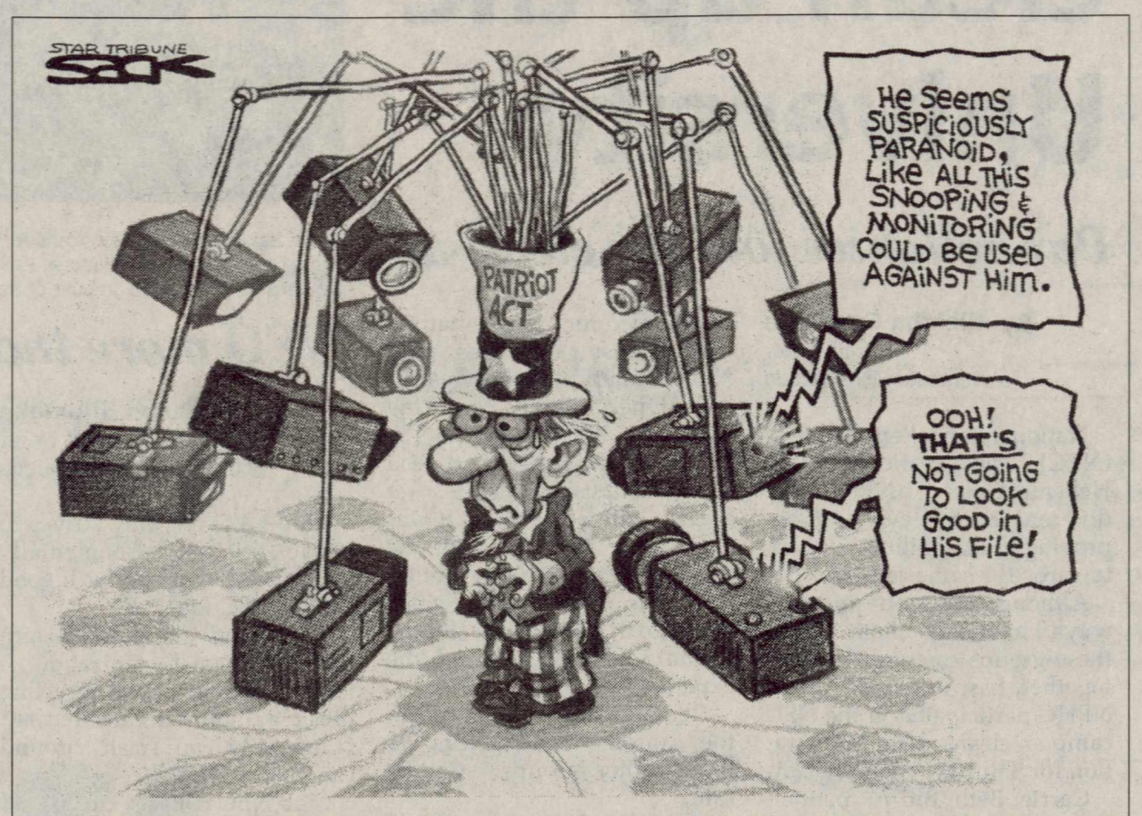
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However, the researchers also said it is possible the elderly simply did not find some of the punch lines as funny as younger people did.

Maybe the sense of humor does go with age. Experience, though, suggests something slightly different: It changes. What struck you as hilarious at 15 is not so funny at 35, or 55. (Case in point: Woody Allen.)

The appreciation for slapstick wanes, in favor of a new respect for the well-turned phrase, the ironic aside, the perfect stiletto of a riposte. With age also comes the increased ability to laugh at oneself, invaluable in the pursuit of happiness and a longer life.

So maybe seniors don't always get the punch line. But maybe that's because the birds were always eating the seed.



Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Groucho Mar
Comedian/acto

An immigrant nation shouldn't be globally ignoran

By Sharon Altaras
The Seattle Times/NEXT

I started taking international-studies classes at the University of Washington during the fall of 2001 because I felt like I was behind. And in a sense, I was. I had traveled out of the country just once, briefly. My high school exposure to world history and affairs had been minimal. The only foreign language I could barely speak was French.

In a world of terrorism digests, currency fluctuations and digitized cross-cultural interactions, I craved the information that would make me a more competitive, or even just more aware, citizen.

But my decision to forgo majoring in international studies came about for different reasons. In short, I felt what was being offered to me in terms of complex academic theory had not been preceded by enough basic anthropological and geographical instruction to make it seem relevant.

"Global education" is often geared toward elites: those lucky college students whose families vacation in Europe and South America, who were sent to preparatory high schools and tutored in other languages.

For the rest of us, dealing with community poverty or the politics of a 9-to-5 job or the inner workings of the European Union seem to be far-off, if glamorous, concerns.

Yet, in the changing environment we live in, where technology blurs the borders of nation-states and international trade agreements affect even domestic-service workers, the failure to educate all elementary and high school students about such affairs hinges on discrimination.

Those who understand how to navigate in an increasingly complex and interdependent world will be most successful in the future.

At a Philanthropy Northwest members briefing last week, representatives from several local foundations discussed ways to increase global education in public schools. Guest speaker Nancy Bacon, vice president and director of educational programs for the World Affairs Council in Seattle, acknowledged that currently there is no statewide assessment tool to measure social-science knowledge among students.

Not only does this mean that studying other countries loses priority, it can also be focused on more heavily in some schools than in others.

The irony is that the students who tend to receive better instruction are often privileged and white. However, as Philanthropy Northwest member and executive director of the Russell Family Foundation, Richard Wu, suggested: Refugee children in poor neighborhoods have much to teach their peers about international relations.

Indeed, because we live in a country of immigrants, Americans have more at stake in globalism than initially apparent.

This September, Cleveland High School split into four smaller academies, funded in part by the Bill and Melind Gates Foundation. Students the brand new School for Glob Studies will be required to lea a second language and w study international culture an politics. For these participant it is a step in the right directio

But by promoting hands-o experiences in classroom everywhere, such as foreig films, guest speakers, diversi clubs and exchanges, more stu dents will become engaged wit global affairs early on.

Then, once they get to colleg they will be ready and willing t tackle theories about econom development and political st bility. And the lack of know edge that Americans posse regarding other cultures an international events will dimi ish — as will the informatio gap here at home.

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American society advancing to a developmental halt

By Scott Molski and Silvio Laccetti
KRT Campus

Recent developments indicate that Americans are spending the majority of their time in "technology advancement," while neglecting social and cultural progress. We create too many gizmos and not enough new cultural forms and institutions to improve the lot of humanity.

In order to achieve a better social product — society — we need two things: creativity and the leisure time in which to develop or exercise it. Behind the situation are some paradoxes regarding work, productivity and leisure.

Is the typical American overworked? One side argues that the average workweek has steadily increased for both white- and blue-collar workers. They say Americans take fewer days off per year than workers in any other industrial country, and that this situation is forced upon the American worker.

The other side presents labor statistics to show that the average workweek has remained fairly constant over the last 40 years. And, where the workweek has increased for certain individuals, it has been by choice: the typical American worker wants more hours because it means more pay or career advancement.

Ironically, in the workplace we are increasingly productive and innovative. The U.S. government tracks worker productivity, which has hit record levels recently, according to the Labor Department. With greater productivity, one might think that there is more leisure time, but there isn't.

The importance of creative leisure time was made abundantly clear by the ancient Greeks. They astounded their world with creations that are the very foundation of our Western Civilization. From their surplus of leisure came totally new forms and concepts: democracy, philosophy, naturalistic art and literature.

What do we do with our leisure?

According to a 2002 Harris Preference Poll, Americans have about 20 hours per week to pursue leisure activities, an amount largely unchanged since 1989. American adults indicated reading (26 percent) as one of their top two or three leisure time activities (respondents could name up to three activities). Other top activities were watching TV (15 percent), spending time with family (11 percent), fishing (8 percent), gardening (8 percent), playing team sports (7 percent), going to the movies (6 percent), and swimming and golf (5 percent each). Painting and writing were 2 percent and 1 percent each, respectively.

What conclusions can be drawn from this survey? Reading is an encouraging sign, depending of course on what is being read! Otherwise, the poll shows that Americans are involved in mentally passive leisure.

Americans are spending their leisure time mostly entertaining themselves. Very few are creating or discussing ideas, are thinking about society and the future, or are coming into contact with others who should be doing the same thing. What to do?

In light of Sept. 11, our society needs more interaction and exchange of ideas in our various groups and communities. We know the impact the Internet has had on technological discourse and development. We must also be aware of the impact it can have in promoting American social progress.

Lately, political candidates like Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont, have realized the Internet's potential for political organization. Other things can and must be done in this electronic environment where any one person can found a non-governmental organization with every hope of attracting attention to their cause. Technology can be a major aid in socially constructive leisure.

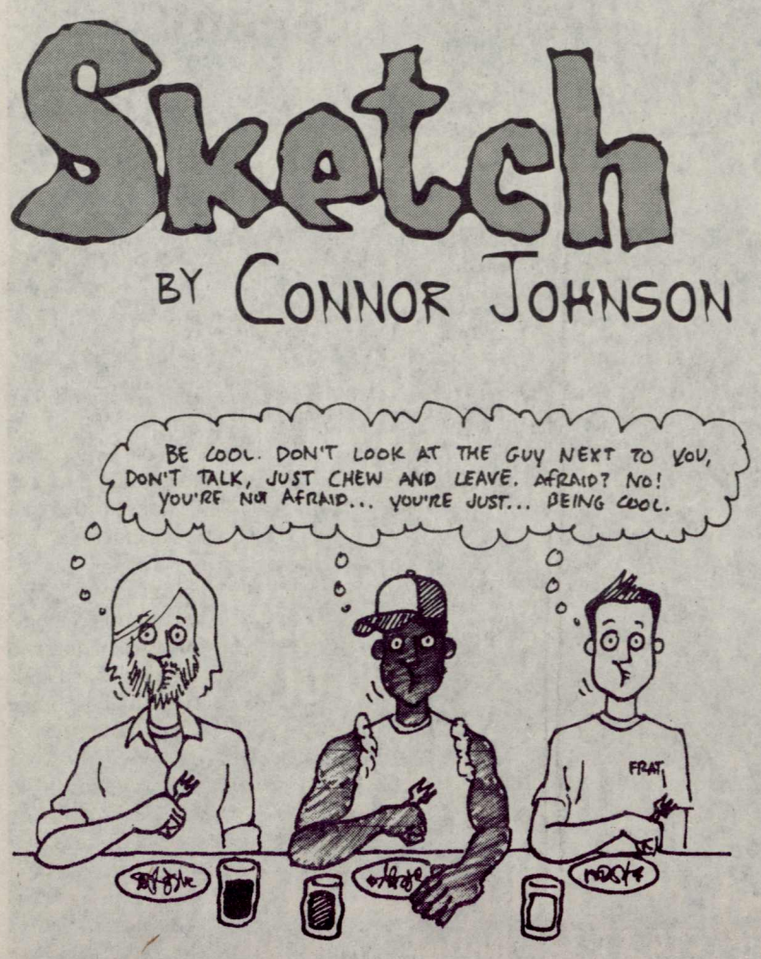
Of course recreation is still important. People will never be able to function at their mental peak if they are in poor physical health. Everyone needs to hav some time to kick-up his or he feet or go swimming. Th Greeks knew this too. But the still allotted time enough fo reflection and pondering th meaning and improvement o life.

These uses of time do no seem to exist for today Americans. Lack of construc tive leisure time is much to ou disadvantage as the world leading power.

So what needs to be done Americans must realize th need for social advancement a well as technical and scientifi advancement. In the years t come, our technology will con tinue to be superior, but if w are unable to make progress as society, interacting with on another, the greatest technolo gies will be wasted in narro applications.

Leonardo da Vinci said, "Iro rusts from disuse, stagnan water loses its purity and i cold weather becomes froze even so does inaction sap th vigors of the mind." Let us, a Americans, not have our colle tive brainpower waste away b overlooking or ignoring soci concerns. We need to realiz value of those issues and striv for more quality leisure time.

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Movie review

'School of Rock' brings out the inner child

★★★★★ out of 5

By Levi Petree
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If there was one word that could perfectly describe Jack Black's latest venture into the world of cinema, it would be "rockin'."

In "School of Rock", Black plays Dewey Finn, a wanna-be rocker who has been thrown out of the band that he created. Finn winds up posing as his roommate in order to get a job as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. Finn soon realizes that he is teaching a class full of musical prodigies and decides to transform the classically trained children into the hardest rockin' group since the Sex Pistols. After their transformation, Finn enters the group in a battle of the bands contest in the hopes of showing up his own band. Finn has to do all of this quietly though, so the uptight principal of the school, hysterically portrayed by Joan Cusack, doesn't catch him.

A big round of applause must be awarded to everyone enrolled in the "School of Rock." They were able to turn a pretty simple plot into the most entertaining 90 minutes of movie making to come out this year. Not only is Black's performance as Dewey hilarious, but it also comes off as extremely passionate and shows a sincere side that one may have never known existed in Jack Black.

But what makes the movie even more impressive are the performances of the children. In the film, the 10-year-old kids are able to play their own instruments. When's the last time you saw Britney Spears picking up a bass guitar?

I'm hoping that people aren't scared away from this movie because they think it's a kid movie. Sure, it's a kid movie, but it's for the kid that still lives in all of us. This movie is for anyone that ever had a dream and had enough courage to stick it to the man that stood in front of that dream.

I'm going to make a bold prediction and say that "School of Rock" will be responsible for music over the next few years because there will be many people who walk out of that movie theater with no other desire but to form a band and pay homage to the rock gods that came before them.

"School of Rock" is the epitome of a feel good movie, and it is something that you can enjoy over and over again. If you want to spend your hard-earned $6 on something that's actually worth it, I command you to see this movie.

What's Current?

'Tartuffe' is coming Oct. 16

The Northwestern Theatre department presents "Tartuffe" scheduled for October 16-18 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

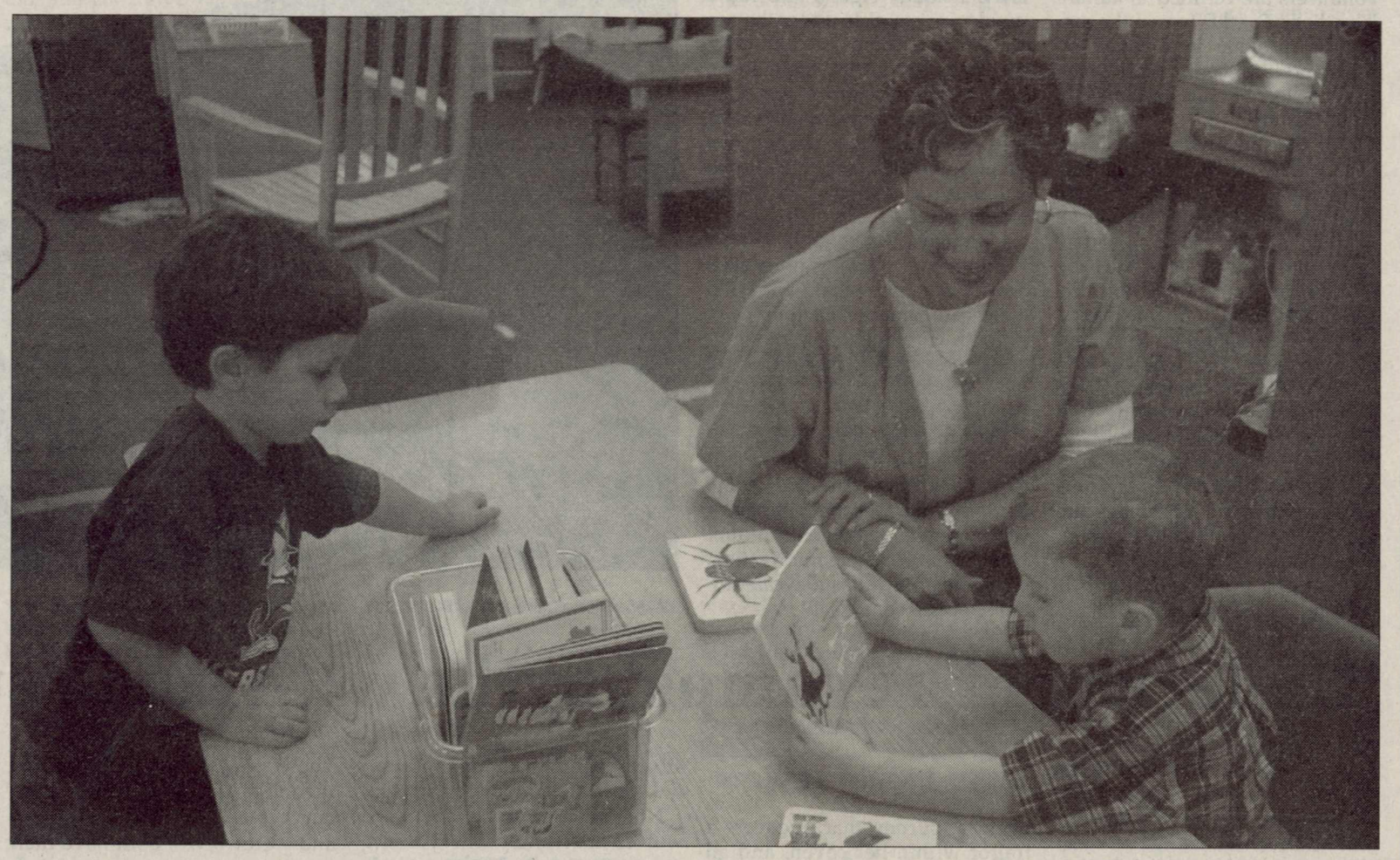
Admission is $5.00 to the public and free with student ID. For more information, call 357-5744.

Green Market hosts Harvest Celebration

The Cane River Green Market will hold its annual Harvest Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Reshments, live music and other activites will be available.

For more information contact Main Street Manager Courtney Hornsby at 357-3823.



Cheryl Thompson/the *Current Sauce*
Teacher Assistant Catherine Coutee (center) helps students Jackson Buhr (left) and Ethan Burkhalter (right) read a book.

NSU assists single parents

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Finding proper child care and other assistance is important to single parents.

Head Start is available on-campus for single or married parents attending Northwestern. According to the Head Start brochure , the program's mission statement is "to provide the highest level of educational services to eligible children and their families in improving their quality of life."

Patricia Taylor, director of Head Start, said the idea for starting the program on NSU's campus was to provide childcare for student's children where students could visit their children between classes. In turn, parents get involved with the program by volunteering hours of service in the classroom. With volunteers and four full time staff members the child/teacher ratio is 8-to-1.

Debra Jo Hailey, the center supervisor said, "We encourage parents to participate through volunteering, and this is their way of paying the program back."

Not only does the program allow the parents to participate in their children's education, it also provides counseling for parents. Head Start has had various speakers come to talk about different issues including mental health and saving for a child's education.

"Through Head Start, parents can gain self-confidence, learn more about children and improve their quality of life," Harley said.

The program can also help parents get food stamps and find jobs.

Head Start is free but cannot take in every child. Families must meet certain requirements in order for a child to be accepted. Taylor said the program looks at the parent's income, the needs of the family and the ages of the children.

Head Start only accepts children between the ages of three and four, with preference given to four-year-olds because there are limited openings, and the program is geared towards preparing children for Kindergarten. The program can only take up to 32 kids, which is at the moment full with 15 three-year-olds, and 17 four-year-olds.

"Generally students with financial aid qualify for the program," Hailey said.

Head Start also encourages its employees. Student teachers train through the program, and all employed staff members are required to continue their education while working for the program. Head Start encourages employee's to seek grants to help finance their education, and, if needed, will pay for the employees to continue their educations.

Located near the behind the NSU Elementary Lab School, Head Start is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no transportation system for the program so parents must drop off and pick up their children. The latest time to drop off a child is 9 a.m. Head Start works with the public school system to helps keep the children up-to-date with their shots and physicals required for elementary school.

The Women's Resource Center, located across from Campus Corner and behind the Baptist Collegian Ministry, is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can call, make an appointment or just walk in. Beverly Broadway, a volunteer counselor and the abstinence coordinator, said a fair amount of women they see are college students.

At The Center a person can receive counseling for anything, including pregnancy. Broadway said that most of the women they see concerning pregnancy are

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Need a referral?

The NSU Child and Family Network Training of Shreveport helps parents select proper day cares and other assistance.

- Referrals cover Alexandria to Monroe
- Service helps parents find proper day care, either class A (receives government funding) or class B (non-government funding) within a 3-5 miles of their home or work
- Helps qualifies parents for child care assistance
- Phone: 800-796-9080

Source: Sheri Cox, Resource and Referral Childcare of NSU Child and Family Network Training

Meeting this year's Mr. and Ms. NSU

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That afternoon, she anxiously waited at home. He played golf with a friend and fellow candidate. Their waiting and wondering styles were different, but they finished the day alike—as 2003-2004's Mr. and Ms. NSU.

Jessica Breaux said she would not go to school the day the voting results were released.

"I was at home with friends," she said. "I was super nervous."

Being voted Ms. NSU this year was an honor for Breaux, who is a senior public relations major.

"It was something that I had always aspired to, so I was really nervous about it," Breaux said.

Breaux came to NSU from Raceland, La., a small town near Houma.

"I came here for a campus tour, and I just fell in love with the campus," Breaux said.

Breaux is a member of Phi Mu sorority, the Student Activities Board, Greek council and the Purple Jackets. She and Mr. NSU Dustin Matthews are in Order of Omega, a Greek honor society, and are two-year veterans of the Freshman Connection program.

Matthews played golf the same afternoon Breaux tensely passed the time at her house. He and another candidate for Mr. NSU, Michael Johnson, waited until after their game to find out who won.

"We were both supporting each other," Matthews said. Matthews is president of Sigma Nu fraternity and has been involved with the SGA.

Natchitoches was the perfect location for college, Matthews said about choosing NSU.

"I just wanted to come to a small university," Matthews said.

He is from Alexandria, and NSU was close enough to come home but far enough to have separation. He will graduate in December with a degree in business administration and a minor in marketing.

The Mr. and Ms. NSU positions were decided by an NSU student majority vote, including a run-off election that narrowed the list of candidates from dozens to just four.

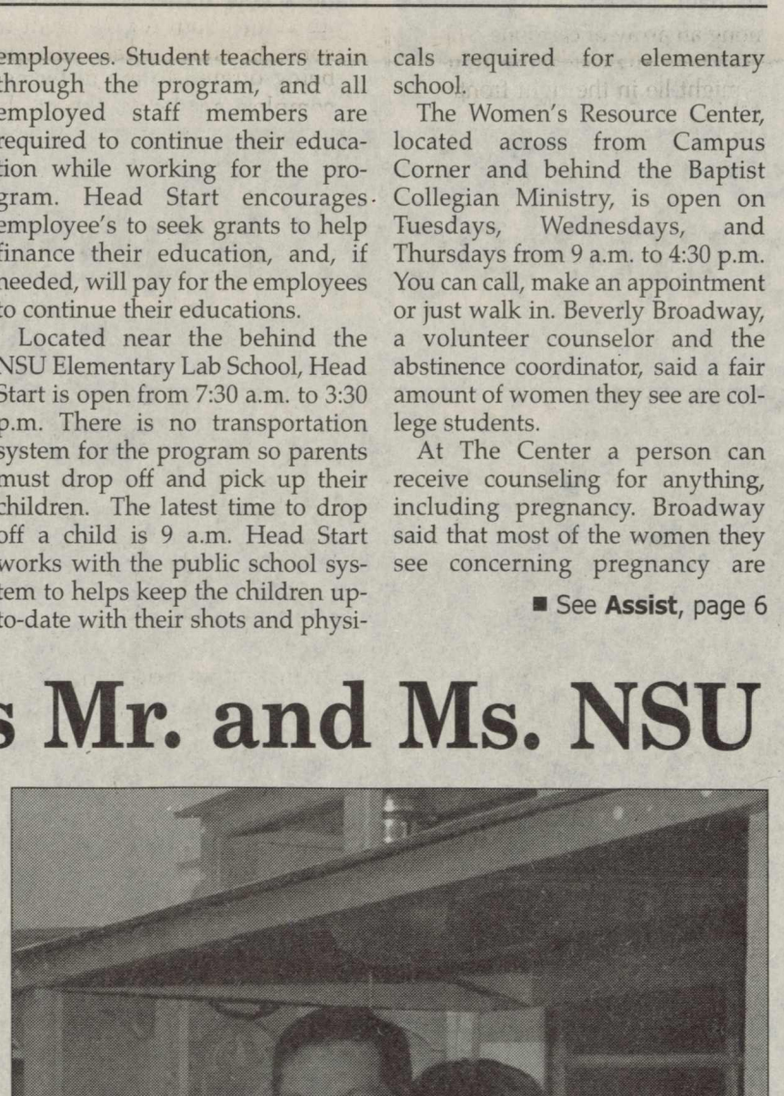
Mr. and Ms. NSU will be presented at the NSU Homecoming football game against Stephen F. Austin.

Mr. and Ms. NSU will also speak at the December and May graduation ceremonies.

"I guess I'll just encourage everyone to go out there and do what they can," Matthews said.

Matthews plans on going into some kind of sales when he graduates and is starting to interview for jobs.

Breaux will be a traveling Phi Mu sorority consultant for one year after she graduates, and then she plans on going to graduate school for public relations or marketing.



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Dustin Matthews (left) and Jessica Breaux are all smiles after being elected 2003-2004 Mr. and Ms. NSU.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

FACIAL FACTS

As the cooler season approaches, our skin becomes harder to figure out? Don't you think?

No matter what type of skin you have (oily, dry, combination) weather changes can sometimes bring out the best or worst.

The most important thing to remember is that there are products out there for any and every kind of skin type. Many don't realize that the types of lotions and cleansers used on the face and body during the spring and summer should be swapped with more appropriate ones for the fall and winter.

For oily skin: Stick to oil-free cleansers with very little or no fragrance. Use an oil-free lotion for the face in the morning and a more cream-based lotion at night. You will find that your face will be less prone to becoming shiny during the day, and you will not see those dry, patchy spots. Ladies: for extremely oily skin, try using an oil mattifier. It is a wonderful cure for oily T-zones!

For dry skin: Moisturizing cleansers are best to use for dry skin. Look for moisturizers made especially for dry skin, and if you still experience dry spots, try 100 percent cocoa butter lotion, cream, or even the cocoa butter stick. It's a great moisturizer and it fades blemishes!

For combination skin: It is best to use an oil-free cleanser and a moisturizer for combination skin. Again, ladies, for those problem areas, use an oil mattifier.

Helpful hints: Remember: Using products that contain vitamin E and sunscreen year round will slow the aging process and keep you looking younger, longer.

- Vitamin E tablets are wonderful skin supplements. For blemishes or problem areas, pop a Vitamin E pill, or better yet, crack it open and put it directly on your skin.

Vitamins strictly for the face are now available at any local stores. They contain a variety of supplements used to keep the skin looking healthy.

Taking care of your skin is so important… it's simply another tactic in completing your magnificent look!

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Reviews of recent video game releases

By Billy O'Keefe
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THE SIMPSONS: HIT & RUN
For: GameCube, XBox and PS2
From: VU Games

The next edition of "Grand Theft Auto" has arrived earlier than anyone expected, thanks to the most unlikely of benefactors: the Simpson family.

For as long as anyone can remember, "Simpsons" video games have followed a formula: Take a popular game, shamelessly rip off everything that's popular about it, throw in references to the show, and somehow turn all this goodness into a lousy game. "The Simpsons: Hit & Run" follows the first three steps to a T. Yet somehow, despite stealing from what is one of the most dynamic and complex games of the current generation, it actually succeeds this time.

For "Simpsons" fans, this is

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either afraid or unable to afford a pregnancy test. Broadway said that the pregnancy tests are self-administered because none of the volunteers are certified to administer them. For this reason the center will provide information on STDs and birth control and where to get tested, but does not actually do the testing.

For the pregnant women who decide they want to keep their baby, there is a variety of help available. Along with the counseling there are also parenting videotapes for before and after the baby is born, information in nutrition and health through the pregnancy, baby clothes that go up to 3T, and even diapers. For women who decide not to keep their babies, the center provides counseling and information on other options.

And for those who may be wondering, everything is anonymous and confidential. No names are used, not even in the filing system, which is coded for privacy.

"That is a prime concern, their privacy," Broadway said.

Broadway explained that the center moved because their present location is more private than where it was located before on the Hwy. 1 South. Age is also not a problem; even girls under the age of 18 can come in for help. Broadway said that there is no need for parental permission if the situation was between two consenting adults. However, if the client is under 18, and child or sexual abuse is involved, the center will report it.

Courtney Rusk and Tiffany Pennison are working on a class project to propose that NSU build a day care center on campus.

"With enrollment continuing to grow, this was a problem that we felt needed to be solved," Pennison said.

The group has developed a website to evaluate the need of the student body for a day care center. Rusk said the website will have a survey that is scheduled run until November. For more information, email the group at nsudaycareproject@hotmail.com.



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Keyeria Phillips, dressed in the nurse's outfit (left) plays pretend with Ty Hite.

'Underworld' revamps myths with some success ★★★½

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Movie review

Forget Sunnydale and Buffy's medieval weaponry, "Underworld" takes vampires and werewolves into the new millennium.

It's present-day Europe, and there is a centuries-old war between vampires and werewolves still being fought. Selene (Kate Beckinsale) is a vampire warrior with a six-century-old personal vendetta against werewolves, fighting with her coven in a blood feud that has been going on for the better half of 1,000 years. While on a routine mission to find and kill werewolves, she discovers that the werewolves were tracking a specific human, Michael Corvin (Scott Speedman) – and not for food. Intrigued, Selene goes after Michael herself, and the two begin a journey that uncovers a traitor within her coven, and an ultimate goal of the werewolves that only brings about more questions from Selene's past.

"Underworld" has something for everyone; a tragic love story, action packed fight sequences, lots of blood, high-tech weapons and great special effects. The scenery throughout is elegantly gothic, and the movie has some great writing and acting. What could be better? The producers of the movie took the time to hire actors that are actually from Europe to play the characters, so the accents are real.

Since this is a war in present day, there simply cannot just be wooden stakes and plain silver bullets. The vampires, not satisfied with normal silver bullets, made a new bullet that encases silver nitrate, which splatters into the blood stream on impact.

Not to be outdone, the werewolves have found a way to create a compound that is, in essence, liquefied sunlight. This is then poured into a new type of bullet that kills vampires instantly. And what great action film would be complete without guns that fired three times the amount of bullets they could actually hold?

If action and cool weapons aren't enough to get you to the movie, try the special effects. To watch a werewolf morph from human form into his bestial self alone is worth the time and money.

The best part of the movie would have to be the lack of clearly defined good and evil. The movie focuses on werewolves and vampires, which in our society are both always evil. There is only one human involved, and he is neither a villain nor a hero. Of the vampires and werewolves, both have their good and bad characteristics, and just when you start to root for one team and think you have it all figured out, you get thrown for a loop, and you are back at square one without a specific group to favor.

It was a wonderful movie that everyone should take the time to see, but "Underworld" had a couple of things that, even for a horror/fantasy film, seemed completely unbelievable. Like slicing a head in half, and the character being able to stand up, turn around and draw swords before the head falls to pieces...or the hurriedly developed love story between Selene and Michael Corvine. I'd give the movie three and a half stars.



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Actress Kate Beckinsale plays a strong, sexy vampire in her new movie "Underworld."

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heaven. It doesn't play as well as "GTA," but it holds its own far more than anyone could have imagined, and the best license this side of "Star Wars" finally has a game fans can wrap their love around. Like Homer's beloved nuts and gum, "H&R" turns two very unlikely bedfellows into one of the most enjoyable licensed games of the year.

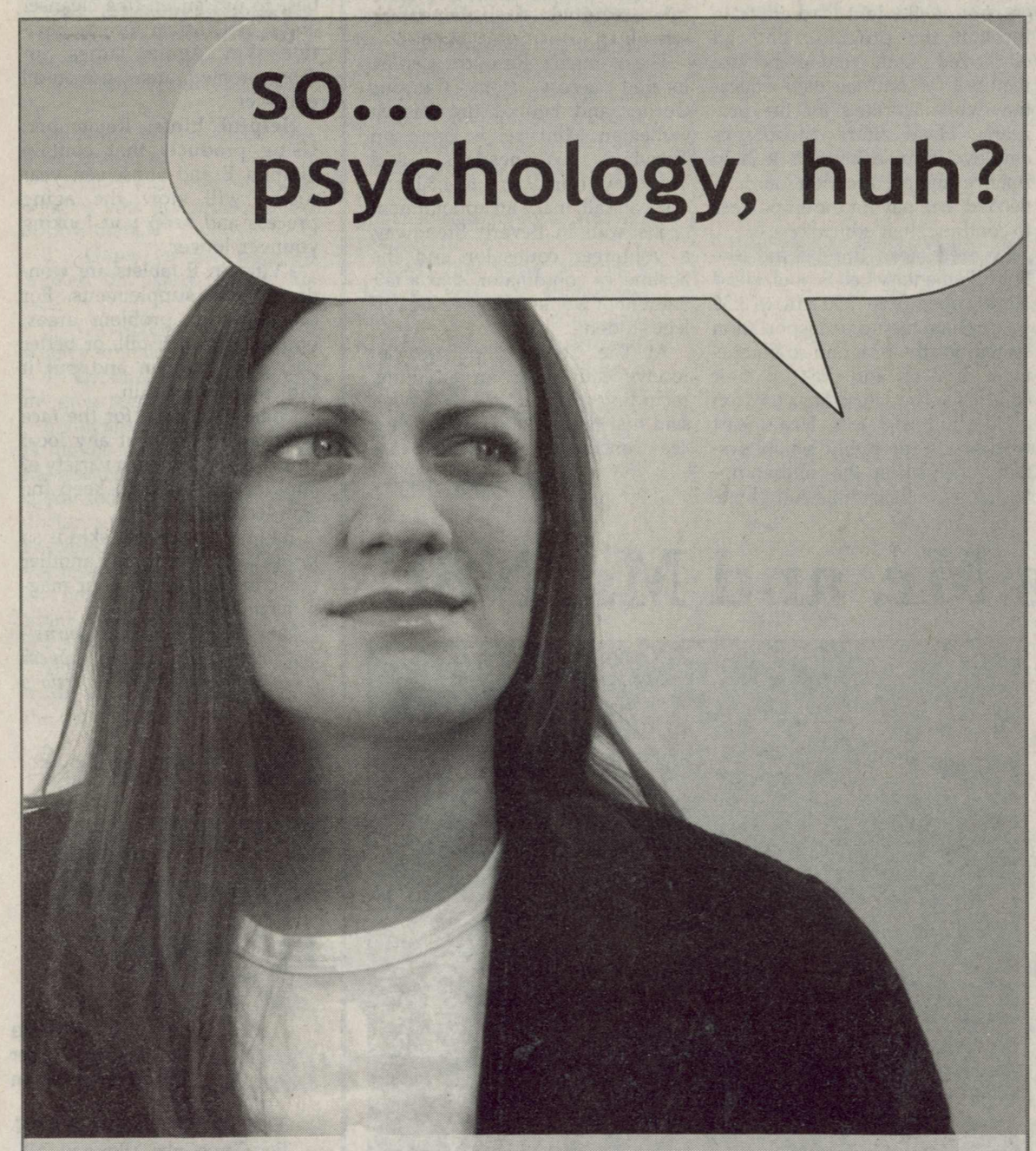
ESPN NFL FOOTBALL
For: XBox and Playstation 2
From: Sega / Visual Concepts

And in the fifth year, the "NFL 2K" series begat "ESPN NFL Football." Whether that was a wise move will be determined later, since the ESPN brand wasn't exactly synonymous with quality before Sega snatched it up last year. Name games aside, though, the heart of the "2K" era beats stronger than ever in "Football," which stands as Sega's best pigskin game yet and arguably the best football game on the market this year.

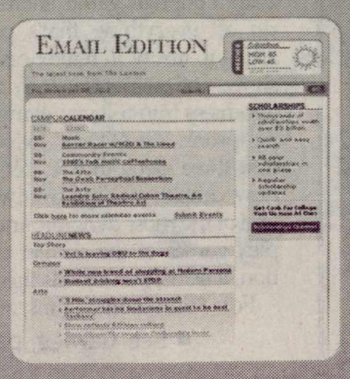
Comparisons to "Madden" are inevitable, so why avoid them? "Football" has nothing to be ashamed of, anyway: It feels younger, fresher and hungrier than its more established and admittedly excellent rival. The trimmings of a good EPS broadcast are all over the place th year, and the presentation, commen tary and visual style are leagues mor intriguing than what you'll find in E Sports' game.

The new features are a little less a sure thing. The aptly titled Fir Person Football mode is insanely co — most of the time. It's a blast whe crashing the line of scrimmage, run ning or passing, but defense can be nightmare, especially when it come to covering the pass. That wouldn be a problem if the game allowed yo the switch perspectives on the fly, bu once you start a game or even a sea son in first-person mode, you're stuc with it. That needs to be fixed nex year, even if it means saving a gam in progress, returning to the mai menu and loading the game wit normal camera conditions.

Sega Sports' supporters have bee arguing for years that their footba game is better than "Madden," an with good reason. The final verdi comes down purely to taste, bu "Madden" stalwarts at least owe it t themselves to give this game a loo Some habits are hard to break, bu football as good as this might be all t takes.



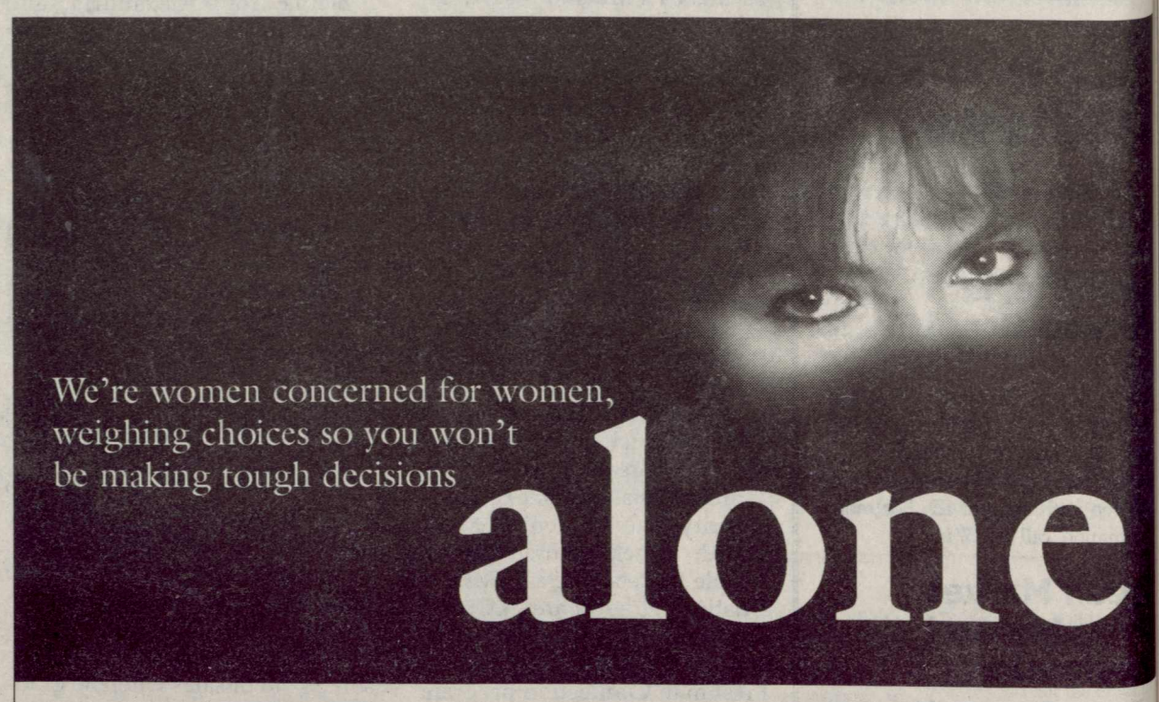
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Crew paddles past competition

By Patrick Feller
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The NSU Crew did well in the Head of the Red competition in Shreveport this past weekend but received no recognition for their efforts due to statistical errors.

A mistake in the recording of boat start times has delayed results from the event, and there is no assurance that results will be released at all. At print time no official times had been given.

Crew Vice President Charlie Percy said, "The varsity has worked really hard and the novice too, they can't give medals if they don't have times, and if you deserve the medal you want it."

"We were kind of left in the dark," said Rich Lynch, the crew's travel coordinator.

Another problem the Head of the Red faced was less participation than was anticipated. Centenary and Southern Methodist University were the only other colleges that sent teams to the event, and neither team had enough members to challenge Northwestern in several events.

"It was disappointing because competition makes you push harder and it also makes races more fun, so them not showing up was disappointing," said Lynch. "Overall, it was not very well run."

In one of the more notable races of the day, Northwestern's varsity eight-boat team actually docked after their 5k race before any other team crossed the finish line.

"I really would like to see what the times were since the varsity eight had no competition against other schools so the only thing we had to go by was our time," said Percy.

The NSU crew's next event is the Head of the Tennessee race in two weeks. Percy described the event as one of the largest races in the United States during the fall season.

"I don't want to say anything to jinx it," Percy said, "but we might do something there."

Soccer tops .500 mark in conference

Courtesy Sports Information
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NSU vs. SHSU

Heather Penico's goal two minutes into the game Sunday gave Northwestern State goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais all the lead she needed as the Demons blanked Sam Houston State 2-0 in Southland Conference women's soccer.

Northwestern (5-7 overall, 3-2 in the SLC) salted it away with under three minutes remaining as Mya Walsh scored off an assist by Amy Hester in the 87th minute. Stephanie Miller had an assist on Penico's early goal at the 2:05 mark.

Latiolais notched her fourth shutout of the season, recording three saves as NSU outshot Sam Houston State 21-8.

NSU vs. TSU

Texas State's Kendra Kade broke a 1-1 tie in the 61st minute on a penalty kick as the Bobcats went on to defeat Northwestern State 3-1 in Southland Conference soccer action Friday night.

Jaynee Sherman put the game away with a 71st minute goal to give the Bobcats the 3-1 win and to complete their revenge of the Demons who knocked Texas State out of the Southland Conference Tournament last season. NSU went on to win the tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

Texas State got on the board first on a goal by Allison Crain in the 31st minute. The Bobcats would go in at the half with a 1-0 lead. NSU's Jacqui Lawrence scored the only goal for the Demons (4-7, 2-2) in the 60th minute to knot the score at 1-1.

Texas State, now 3-6-2 overall and 3-1 in the league, out-shot the Demons 24-18. Tara Powasnik, Stephanie Miller and Marliese Latiolais each had two shots on goal while Lawrence, Hillarie Marshall and Brittany Hung each had one.

The Demons play again Friday.

Murgor wins annual NSU Invitational

Courtesy Sports Information
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Northwestern State's Noah Murgor pulled away down the stretch and posted a 19-second victory in the men's race Monday while the Louisiana Tech men and the Louisiana-Lafayette women took team titles at the annual NSU Invitational cross country meet.

Murgor covered a hilly 8,400-meter path at the Demon Hills Golf Course in 26:41.07, outpacing Carlos Arrizon of Louisiana Tech (27:00.26), Feedly Bonneau of Grambling (27:11.49) and NSU teammate Jonah Chelimo (27:17.94) for the men's individual crown.

Louisiana Tech scored in five of the first 13 positions to post 43 points, ahead of ULL (72), Northwestern (80), ULM (117), Grambling (122), Southern (133) and East Texas Baptist (230) in the men's race.

ULL's Natalie Gills won the 5,000-meter women's race in 19:27.47, blowing away the field and leading the Lady Cajuns to victory in the team competition.

Jacqualine Byrd of ULM was second in 20:05.93 followed by ULL's Jennifer Gautreaux in 20:07.88 and Grambling's Hamiyda Sciplo in 20:21.04. Northwestern got three top 10 finishes by Margeaux Fisher (seventh, 20:35.00), Abby Salomon (eighth, 20:51.58) and Jill Schenk (ninth, 21:03.95) but was edged by eight points by ULL for the team title.

ULL scored 42 in the women's race, trailed by Northwestern (50), Grambling (83), ULM (88), Southern (113), East Texas Baptist (158) and Louisiana College (170).

Rounding out the scoring for the Lady Demons were Christy Stark (12th, 21:21.62) and Lindzie Ledford (14th, 21:37.00). Also finishing for Northwestern were Katy Hoffpauir (20th, 22:17.16), Leslie Lambert (26th, 23:13.91) and Marci Ward (34th, 24:32.09).

Murgor and Chelimo were the only top 10 finishers for the Northwestern men. Other scoring runners for NSU were Chris Warren (22nd, 29:17.79), Chris Groome (26th, 29:47.62) and Jeff Parker (33rd, 31:01.99). Also competing for the Demons was Phillip Hattaway (45th, 33:05.47).

The meet was the only home competition of the season for the Northwestern teams, who run again Oct. 17 at the Pre-Conference Meet at Huntsville, Texas, site of the SLC Championships.

Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees: priceless

By Ken Daley
The Dallas Morning News
www.krtcampus.com

To the rabid baseball fans of the Northeast, no other matchup would have the same appeal. If two American League teams are going to engage in a bare-knuckles scrap for the right to play in the World Series, there could be no fiercer combatants than the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

As well it should. The incredible devotion of each team's fans and their utter antipathy toward each other transcends the battle that starts with Wednesday night's American League Championship Series opener at Yankee Stadium. One can argue about Cowboys-Redskins, Lakers-Celtics and others, but few doubt that Yankees-Red Sox is the greatest rivalry in professional sports. Especially no one in these parts.

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino dubbed the Yankees baseball's "evil empire" last winter after being outspent for Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras. His team outscored the Yankees, 109-94, this year, but went 9-10 against its chief rival.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, for no apparent reason, issued a statement to the media on Monday declaring, "A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits. For us, winning isn't the only thing, it's second to breathing."

Other than that, it's just another ballgame, as these teams meet with a Series berth at stake for the first time since 1999. The Yankees knocked the Red Sox out of that ALCS in five games before sweeping Atlanta for their 25th world championship.

This delicious showdown came to pass only because Boston was able to win three straight games against Oakland after losing the first two in their best-of-5 Division Series.

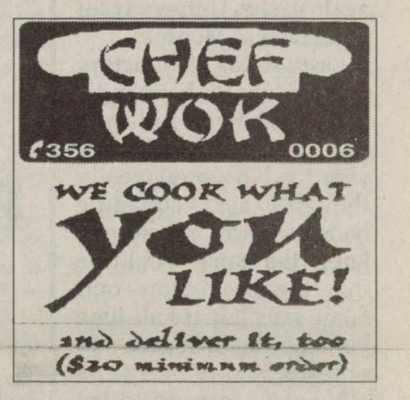
But it was a taxing series for the Red Sox. They had to use ace Pedro Martinez in Monday's fifth game, meaning he won't be able to pitch until Game 3 and perhaps only once in the ALCS. That leaves the opener to knuckleball specialist Tim Wakefield, Game 2 to Derek Lowe and Game 4 to former Rangers right-hander John Burkett. The Red Sox also expect to be without center fielder Johnny Damon, who sustained a severe concussion in that finale in Oakland.

The Yankees, meanwhile, seem to have a huge advantage having dispatched of Minnesota on Sunday in just four games. Torre had the luxury of arranging his starting rotation however he liked for the ALCS. He chose to keep it as it was against the Twins, going with Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and David Wells. That quartet gave up only six runs in 282/3innings against Minnesota.

Neither manager said he anticipated needing to explain to players the intensity of the next several days.

"I'm not going to talk to them about it," Red Sox manager Grady Little said. "All they have to do is walk around the street here and get breakfast. They'll know what the atmosphere is going to be like."

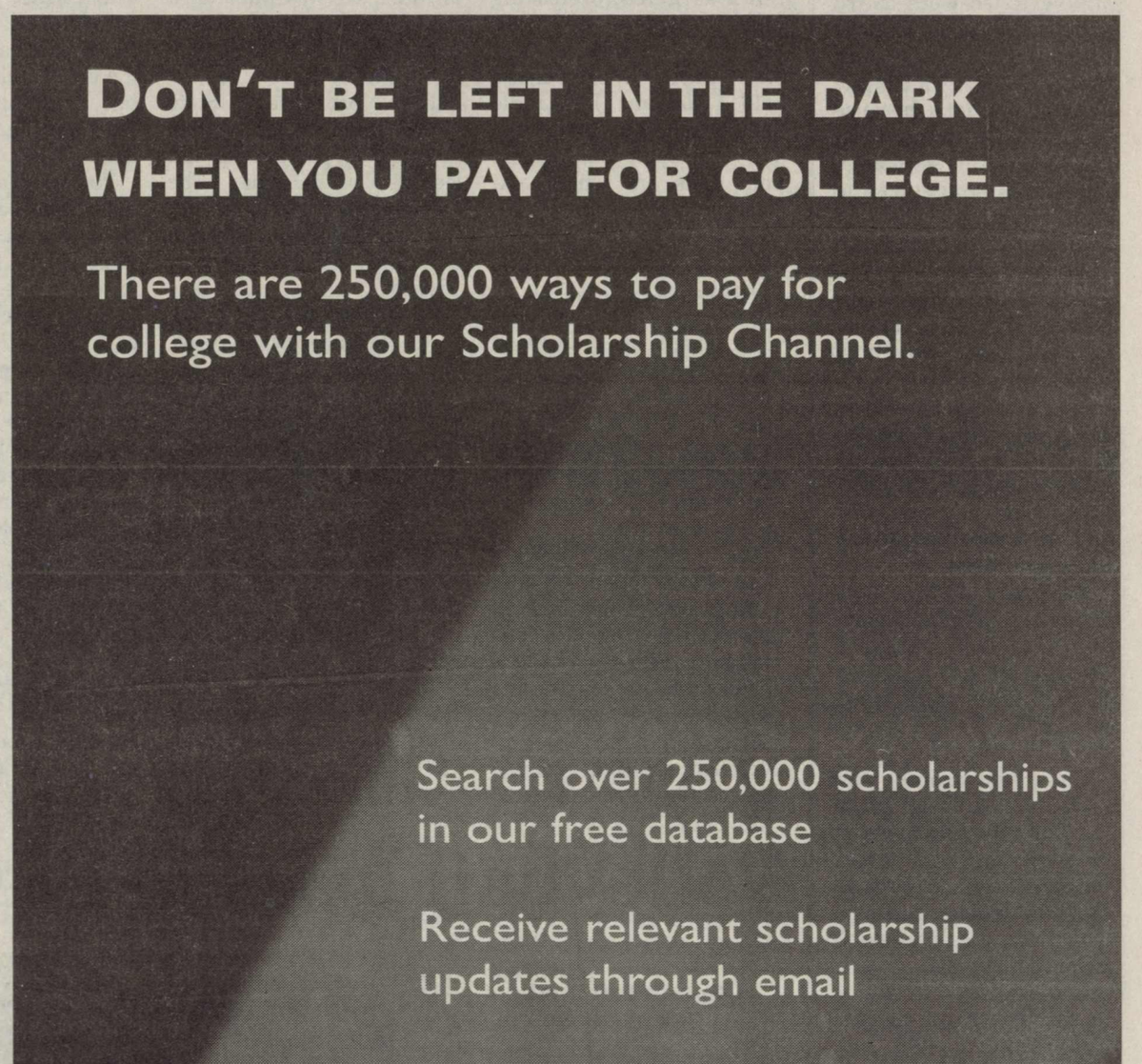




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— VOLLEYBALL —
10/10 vs. NSU — 7 p.m.
— SOCCER —
10/10 vs. MSU — 4 p.m.
10/12 vs. SFA —1 p.m.

SPORTS



Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

A crazy season

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Is it just me or has anyone else realized that this year has been an odd one for sports? Things just aren't going right this year no matter which sport you watch.

To try to prove my point I will start with college football. Forget the rest of the NCAA; there is enough to be said about the NSU Demons.

The Demons are losing non-conference games. Normally, they play well in the early half of the year and struggle through conference games, but not this year.

Our big non-conference losses usually come to obvious teams like the University of Georgia Bulldogs and the good games come against Stephen F. Austin and McNeese. Our close games shouldn't be against the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Last week's 59-0 victory over Oklahoma Panhandle State is another oddity in the Demon football season. No one really thought that Panhandle had a chance, but no one knew the game would be that big of a blow out. Some fans left at half time because the win was too obvious.

Now if we were to try and look at the NFL, we could easily miss it and see Major League Baseball. That's because NOTHING is going on in the NFL! This season of football is so depressing and weird that I find myself playing tennis on Sundays rather than watching football.

I'm not even a fan of tennis. It's just something to do!

However, I will admit that the Indianapolis Colts' comeback victory against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers was amazing and most satisfying to my inner Saints fan.

But it's just crazy how eye-peeling the MLB playoffs have been this year. Teams that haven't been there in years are in along with teams that are always there.

Come on people, you know I'm talking about the Yankees. All I'm going to say about them is that they are just like Aramark--no matter how bad you hate them, they are always there. Thanks Pat!

The Yankees' opponents in the American League Conference Series are more newsworthy.

The Boston Red Sox deserve to be this far, no matter how big of an A's fan you may be. The main problem for the Red Sox is not the Yankees; it's the Chicago Cubs.

The Cubs are trying desperately to make it to the World Series, and if they have to face the Red Sox it's going to be even crazier.

Neither team has won a World Series since the early 1900's so everyone better clear the streets if one of them wins. There may just be a little rioting going on.

This season just isn't right, and if you can make any sense of it, you are a better person than I am. It's one that I can only call unusual, but I'm definitely enjoying it.



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce
The NSU Purple Swarm Defense holds Panhandle State to only one first down — given to the Aggies on the facemask penalty from this pictured play — on Family Day. The Demons won the game 59-0 in front of 12,648 at Turpin Stadium. NSU looks to stop the high-powered passing attack of Southeastern at home this Saturday.

SWARMED!

Purple Swarm Defense holds the Aggies to -1 total yards

By Brent Holloway
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It was a record-breaking night Saturday at Turpin Stadium. Northwestern State's Purple Swarm defense held Oklahoma Panhandle State to only one first down and -1 yards of total offense. Both feats are school and Southland conference records. Also, the NSU offense totaled 514 yards, and the Demons squashed the Aggies 59-0.

Last week the Demons were beaten by underrated and perennial division I-AA power Northern Iowa. This week, the 21-ranked Demons took out their frustrations on division II OPSU, a 1-4 team that features 33 freshmen on their 61-man roster.

The Demons quickly showed their superiority after kicking the opening kick-off to Panhandle State to open the game. After a quick three-and-out, the Aggies' starting quarterback lined up to punt.

In his only kick of the night Ty Sellers shanked one that landed only 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage. The ball then took a Demon bounce back toward the line of scrimmage before Sellers downed his own punt for a net of just five yards. Seven plays later the Demons were in the endzone.

The Northwestern State offense went on to score on their first six possessions, and led 42-0 at halftime. The monster running back duo Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson led the Demon offense.

Each back rushed for 121 yards and three touchdowns. Sampson's yards came on just 11 carries, including a 40-yard TD burst, while Johnese turned in the relatively workman-like performance on 17 carries.

Part-time quarterback Ryan Lewis had a big night as well. The freshman got his name in the record books by completing his first 8 passes of the game.

Lewis, who received considerable playing time in the blow out, finished 8-9 with 128 yards through the air, highlighted by a 35 yard TD bomb to fellow freshman Ben Bailey who was running down the visitors' sideline. Lewis also added 24 yards on three carries.

Picking out individual stars on defense is difficult when the entire unit plays so well, but stand-out safety Neil Ponstein had another big night.

Ponstein stayed in the opponents' backfield most of the game and finished with three tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Head coach Scott Stoker and the NSU defensive staff brought Ponstein and his teammates in the defensive backfield up to the line of scrimmage, playing eight and nine defenders in the box much of the night to disrupt the Aggies' offense.

Linebacker Jamal Johnson, the SLC's leading tackler, and defensive tackle Corey Mistric were also very active on defense and laid numerous big hits on Aggie ball carriers.

The Demon reserves were impressive again, as NSU gave the home crowd of 12,648 another big win.

Almost every Demon on the depth chart saw some action, with the first wave of substitutions coming with about four minutes left in the second quarter.

Again, the Demons' second-team defense, led by Cory Bell, Brad Parmley and freshman Ed Queen, showed themselves to be almost as fast and physical as the starters.

With the exception of a couple of series, the starters sat out in the second half, yet OPSU tallied -13 yards of offense in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

This Saturday the Demons will play host to Southeastern Louisiana, a team in the midst of a four- game losing streak. The SLU Lions are fielding their first football team since 1985 and are currently 2-4.

Next week's battle will be the last tune-up opportunity for the 4-2 Northwestern State team. The Demons open SLC conference play on October 18 when they travel to San Marcos to take on the Texas State Bobcats.



SAMPSON



PONSTEIN

Players of the week

Southland Conference

- Senior Safety Neil Ponstein led all Demons with seven tackles. Ponstein had three tackles for lost yards (-9).
- Junior tailback Shelton Sampson ran for 121 yards on 11 carries. Sampson had three touchdowns including a 40-yard scamper, a 13-yard run and a 1-yard dive in NSU's win.

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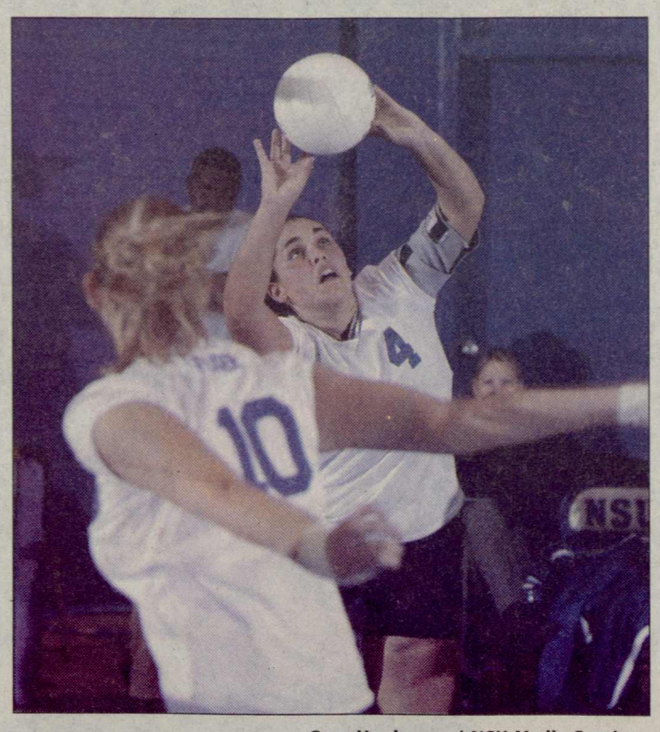
Volleyball loses to Stephen F. Austin in five

Courtesy
Sports Information
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It seems the same story about losing in five games has been read to the Northwestern State Lady Demon volleyball team most of the season. That story was reread Tuesday night as the Lady Demons dropped a 3-2 decision to Stephen F. Austin in Southland Conference action at Prather Coliseum.

NSU (8-10, 3-4) alternated wins, taking the first game 34-32, falling 30-25 in game two but rebounding to take game three 30-27. Everything seemed fine for the Lady Demons in game four after taking a 7-2 lead early on then upping it to 10-5.

However, SFA responded with clutch hitting to pull out a 30-27 win and force the Lady Demons into their seventh five-set match of the season. The Lady Demons fall to 2-5 in five-game matches on the season.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Services
Flavia Belo sets up Shannon Puder for the kill against SFA on Tuesday at Prather Coliseum. NSU lost the game 3-2.

The fifth game was all Ladyjacks as they rolled to a 15-5 win to take the match. SFA improves to 8-11 overall and 4-4 with the win.

Five NSU players scored double-figures in kills while four players recorded double-doubles on the night.

Becky David led the team with 22 kills. She also had 12 digs on the night. Priscila Augusto finished with 17 kills and 13 digs while Evelyn Getzen recorded 13 kills and 11 digs. Flavia Belo had a double-double with 10 digs and 63 assists. Beth Freeland added 12 kills and a game-high .391 hitting percentage while Shannon Puder finished with 11 kills. Cathy Herring contributed with a team-high 16 digs.

NSU hit .225 for the night, 12 points better than their average. However, it was SFA's .301 team hitting that was able to put the Lady Demons away midway through the fourth game and all of the fifth, where they hit .529 for the game.

Lauren Stevens and Brittany Burton led the Ladyjacks with 18 kills each while Stephanie Figgers had a match-high 29 digs.

Northwestern State will return to action on Friday when they host Nicholls State in a 7 p.m. match at Prather Coliseum. They'll follow that up with a 2 p.m. contest against Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday.

NSU vs. LSU

It took five games, but the Northwestern State Demons held on to defeat the Lamar Cardinals for the first time in school history, 3-2 here Saturday afternoon in Southland Conference action.

Four Lady Demons scored double-figures in kills with Priscila Augusto leading the team with 22. She also picked up her eighth double-double of the season with 13 digs. Latoya Sanders had a double-double with 17 kills and 10 digs while Becky David spiked down 13 kills followed by Beth Freeland with 12. Flavia Belo earned a double-double with a team-high 59 kills and 18 digs.

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Northwestern State vs
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NSU 2-SHSU 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	1	1	**2**
SHSU	0	0	0

Key Player:
Nellie Latiolais
Fourth shutout of the season
Junior goalkeeper

Oct. 3, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Texas State (4-6-2)

NSU 1-**TSU 3**

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	1	1
TSU	1	2	**3**

NSU Volleyball (8-10,3-
Southland Conferenc

Key Player:
Flavia Belo
double-double, 10 digs
63 assists
Sophomore setter

Oct. 7, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
SFA (8-11, 4-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Scor
NSU	34	25	30	27	5	- 2
SFA	32	30	27	30	15	- **3**

Oct. 4, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Lamar (9-9, 2-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Scor
NSU	28	30	21	31	15	-
LSU	30	22	30	29	11	-

Northwestern State vs.
MSU (7-9, 5-2)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	22	25	32	18	- 1
MSU	30	30	30	30	- **3**

Northwestern State vs.
UTSA (9-8, 5-2)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	20	28	24	- 0
UTSA	30	30	30	- **3**

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

BASEBALL

Alumni golf, derby, & game starts Friday

The Northwestern State Demon baseball team's Alumni Weekend begins Friday with a scramble golf tournament open to the public and includes the traditional Demon Home Run Derby and the Alumni Game on Saturday.

The NSU Baseball Golf Tournament will be held on Friday afternoon with a 1 o'clock start.

Saturday's events will begin at 10 a.m. with the Demon Home Run Derby at Brown-Stroud Field. The contest will be followed with the NSU Alumni Game.

Call 357-4139 or 357-4134 for more information and to register for the events this weekend

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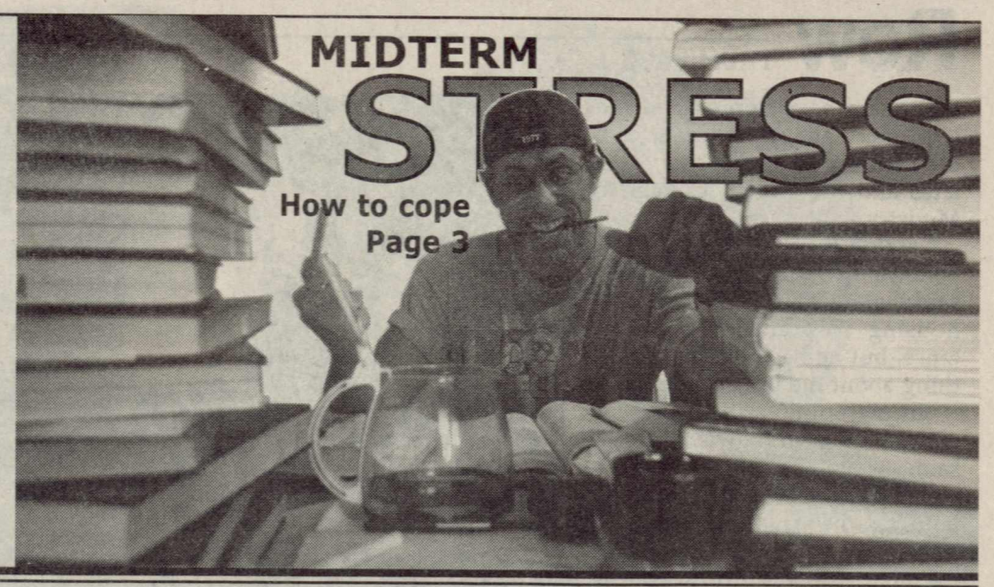


'Bill' Kills

★★★★
(out of five)

Style decapitates substance in Tarantino's latest, "Kill Bill", but it's still worth the ticket

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What's Current?

NEWS

Two arrested on campus with marijuana

On Monday, police officers responding to a complaint of students drinking alcohol in the Iberville parking lot arrested two men suspected of marijuana-related offenses.

NSU police detective Doug Prescott said that upon approaching the car in question, officers noticed marijuana lying in plain view in the front seat. Arrests were made and a search of the vehicle was conducted.

Danzale Alexander and Billy Ray Garrett, Jr. have been charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Garrett was also charged with possession of a prescribed narcotic that was not his and possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21.

Both men are being held at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center where they are awaiting bond.

Elizabeth Bolt

What's Updated?

NEWS

Scholarship for veterans names first recipient

The Gladys Williams and Leonard W. Farr Memorial Endowed Scholarship's first recipient is Daniel King of Flatwoods, La. He is receiving $250 per semester, but Gustwick said that hopefully the scholarship's value will increase to $5,000 per year in the near future.

"That way we could either give one scholarship worth that much or we could give two or three, and divide that amount up," Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick said.

Gustwick said that an anonymous donor who has promised at least $100,000 over the next three years to fund the scholarship contacted the NSU Foundation after learning about Williams and Farr, who attended NSU after World War II. Farr was a veteran struggling to make his way through college on the GI Bill, and Williams was his wife. They had two children.

The scholarship is available to married veterans who have received an honorable discharge from any branch of the military. Priority will go to students with children. The scholarship lasts for one year, after which time recipients can reapply.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should visit the NSU Foundation office in the Alumni Center or call 357-4414 to receive more information.

Kyle Shirley

Little planned for Oprah Day

Saturday may be Oprah Winfrey Day at NSU, but that does not mean that the talk show host will be visiting again any time soon.

The SGA voted last fall to designate Oct. 18 as Oprah Day in light of her visit to Natchitoches. Dustin Floyd, who proposed the proclamation of having a day to commemorate the visit, said that he did it "as a nicety more than anything else."

"Out of anything at NSU or in Natchitoches, it was the biggest thing to happen," Floyd said.

Businesses on Front Street also felt the impact of the celebrity visit. Many tourists have come to Natchitoches because of the publicity that the town received.

"We've had people come in and say that they came in because they heard it on Oprah," said Tody Stephens, owner of Gifts Galore and More on St. Denis street.

Floyd says that he has sent two letters to Oprah and has not yet had any response to the invitation to come back to Natchitoches to celebrate Oprah Day. Floyd plans to host an Oprah look-a-like contest at the pub in the Ramada Inn on Saturday at 10 p.m.

Katie Durio

What's Next Week?

HOMECOMING

So what if they were just gone a week?

The football team's coming home! Party!

Organization housing plan awaits funds

Long-discussed plan for on-campus Greek and organizational homes on hold for now.

By Callie Reames
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Students aren't the only ones waiting for checks in the mail before making some important purchases. The University is expecting a couple checks of its own to pay for the development of new on-campus organizational housing.

For about six years, University officials have discussed a new organizational housing project on campus.

The proposed organizational housing row would be located between the Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Jefferson Street and where Tarleton Drive meets Chaplain's Lake.

"We're getting close," Robert Crew, assistant to the University president, said.

Crew said the only developmental hindrance is funding.

"We're waiting for the checks on two pieces of property we sold," Crew said.

The University sold land on University Parkway, across the street from the west end of campus, to the City of Natchitoches for a new Emergency Medical Services station. The adjoining piece of sold land is the future home of Frog Pond Apartments, an apartment community set to open in fall 2004.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said that putting the water and electricity in place for the houses would be funded by the property sale money.

"We've been waiting for the check for months," Seymour said.

The next step, after setting up the water and electricity infrastructure, would be meeting with other university officials to discuss the use of the land.

Seymour said there have been planning meetings in the past about this project, and the proposed plots of land would include several on the lakeside of Jefferson Street and a few in the region of the Tarleton and Jefferson intersection. He said that there would be about ten lots available to organizations.

Seymour and Crew said that deciding which fraternities or sororities can build on the new housing row will be random, but the lots are for all organizations.

"It's not a Greek row. It's an organizational row," Seymour said.

The only non-Greek organizations that Sey-

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Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
A student walks past the Long Purple Line on the second floor of the Student Union.

Purple Line inductees come well-qualified

By Derrick Doyle
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Five NSU alumni will be inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, on Friday evening during the Homecoming Banquet in Friedman Student Union as a part of NSU's Homecoming celebration.

The inductees are U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr., Crawford & Company CEO Grover Davis, Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist Gary Fields, government attorney Theodore "Ted" L. Jones and University of Arkansas nursing professor Patricia Thompson.

The alumni will be inducted into the Long Purple Line during the Homecoming banquet at 7 p.m. on Friday. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union lobby to meet the inductees before the banquet.

Cosumano has been commanding general of the U.S Army Space and Missile Defense Command and U.S. Army Space Command since April 2001. Cosumano has held numerous military positions including chief of the Air and Missile Defense Division, office of the deputy chief of staff for operations in the Department of the Army. Cosumano earned a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial technology from NSU.

Tometrius Greer, a senior in ROTC majoring in political science, said, "It feels good to see someone of his stature in the military being recognized, and to know he came from NSU makes me even prouder."

Davis is chairman and chief executive officer of Crawford & Company, the world's largest independent provider of diversified services to insurance companies, self-insured corporations and governmental entities. Davis joined Crawford & Company as an insurance adjuster in 1976. Davis was named president and chief operating officer in 1999.

Fields is a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. His contributions to stories in the Journal that ran on Sept. 12, 2001, helped win the paper the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news. In 1997 Fields was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of church arsons. Fields earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and a master's degree in English literature at NSU.

Jones has been a practicing attorney for 40 years. He worked on the campaign staff of Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1968. For 24 years, Jones was general counsel for the Louisiana Democratic Party, a member of the Louisiana Democratic State Central Committee and national

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SGA focuses on internal matters

Proposal to combine treasurer, administrative assistant positions sent to committee.

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The SGA presented a bill Monday night that would revise the SGA by-laws to implement consequences for senators who leave weekly meetings early.

According to the bill, which will be voted on at the next Monday meeting, there is currently nothing in the by-laws discouraging senators from leaving early.

If the bill is approved by a student referendum, senators who are absent or leave meetings before they are officially adjourned twice in a semester without approved excuses could be removed from office with a two-thirds vote of the entire Senate.

The SGA met Monday to discuss two bills and consider SGA President Greg Comeaux's appointments for senator-at-large seats.

The first bill proposed combining the offices of SGA secretary and treasurer into one position.

According to the bill, the SGA treasurer is currently given half of a full-time scholarship, and the SGA secretary receives a student worker paycheck out of the SGA budget for 35 hours per month. The bill proposes that the duties of the secretary be added to the position of the treasurer, who would continue to receive half of a full-time scholarship. The student worker position would no longer exist.

At the meeting, the bill's sponsor, Senator Alan Sypert, reminded the senate that the student body would ultimately approve or disapprove of this decision in the spring 2004 elections.

"If the SGA passes this, it won't take effect. It will go to the students," Sypert said.

With little discussion, however, the senate voted to refer the bill to the Internal Affairs Committee for further review.

The second bill discussed at Monday's meeting proposed another by-law revision.

Currently, the SGA by-laws contain the phrase, "to oversee the 'SGA Radio Show' during the course of the semester." According to the bill, this phrase suggests that a radio show is or shall be provided for the SGA, and it places an expectation on the campus media to require KNWD to provide a time slot for the show. The bill proposed changing the phrase to, "to obtain a weekly timeslot for the 'SGA Radio Show,' if a time slot is available". The bill passed in the senate.

Also, the presidential appointments of sophomores Jefferey Bergeron and Matthew Burrough to senator-at-large seats were both unanimously approved by the senate.

Next week, the SGA will also be voting on a resolution concerning cracked concrete near the north entrance of the Student Union.

The resolution states that wheelchairs and other wheeled objects must pass over this concrete, and the University should use any means at its disposal to repair it.

The SGA senate meets Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Cane River Room. Meetings are open to the student body.

CORRECTIONS

Jason Shumake's article on NEO (Page 3, Oct. 9) contained several factual inaccuracies and misrepresentations.

- NEO's recycling program was founded from SGA/SAB grants, but NEO was not. NEO was founded when three students wrote a constitution for the organization.
- NEO is four years old. The recycling program is two years old.
- NEO gains no profit from the recycling program. All cans collected from the program are given to the Humane Society.
- One of NEO's

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NSU NEWS22 WEEKEND FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers possible	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
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mour said have approached the University about the project are the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Gerald Long, co-director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said that he would like to see the housing row come into existence, but he has not heard anything about the project lately.

"In my opinion, it's at least a couple of years away," Long said.

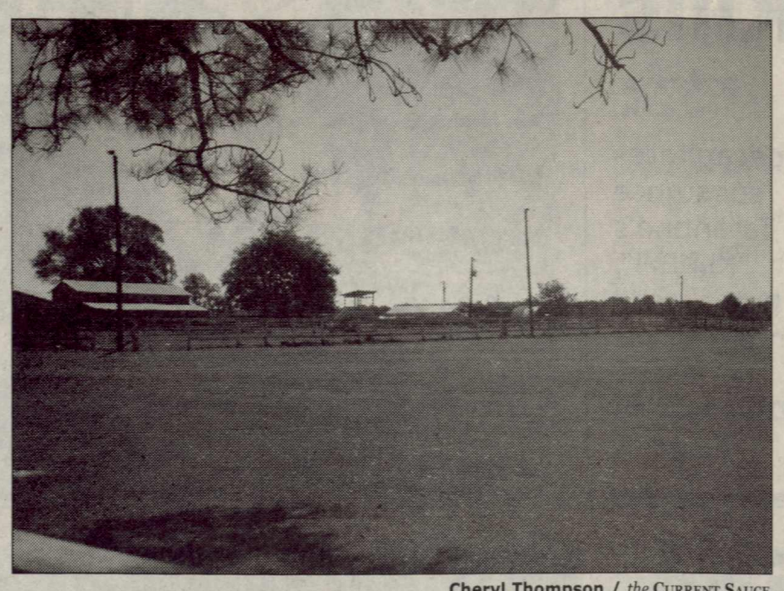
The land for the proposed housing row is mostly fields, but part of it is an old horse barn. Seymour said deconstruction of that building would have to take place before any water or electricity could be connected. The work for tearing down the building would be contracted out, a process that could take several months. Once the land is prepared, each selected organizational house will have to be planned, funded and contracted out.

"It's something I would definitely like to do," Long said. No college campus in the country has an FCA house.

With a slated meeting place, Long said FCA would have more flexibility. The group currently convenes in the athletic ready room in the Field House, and their meeting times hinge on the athletic program's use of that room.

The other non-Greek organization that has shown interest in constructing a building on campus is the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, which is currently located across University Parkway from the Watson Library parking lot.

"We believe the future of our ministry is directly on campus," BCM director Bill Collins said. "We also believe we could provide a brand new student-friendly building that could host a variety of events for both our organization and the University."



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
This land near Chaplain's Lake, which is mostly fields and an old horse barn, is where the University plans to establish housing for campus organizations.

Collins said that a priority for the BCM is providing services to the students such as worship, spiritual growth and bible studies, and those can take place anywhere.

"But currently, students have to cross three lanes of traffic to get to our location," Collins said. In addition to being more accessible, Collins said the benefits of having a building on campus would be a higher retention rate of students.

Yonna Pasch, the assistant director of student activities and organizations for Greek life and leadership development, said keeping students at NSU and involved in organizations are reasons that the University would benefit from having houses on campus.

"We're moving forward when it comes to organizational housing on campus," Pasch said.

"Having an organizational row not only will help recruitment, but it will help with retention," Pasch said.

Specifically, sororities and fraternities could have easier recruitment with a row of houses to visit.

"You just go from house to house to house," Pasch said.

All organizations on the row will be more convenient and more visible, Pasch said, and the random selection of organizations will give everyone the opportunity profit. "Everyone has an equal chance," Pasch said.

One fraternity that did get the chance to build a house on-campus is Kappa Sigma. About 12 men live in the house, which is located next door to the proposed organizational row. Josh Stanley, a sophomore business administration major, shares a room in the house.

"There's always something to do, as far as people to hang out with," Stanley said. Something he likes about living at the house is that there are usually a lot of people there, but he said studying is not that difficult because the house has a computer lab.

"It's behind closed doors where you can just close it and get away from all the noise," Stanley said. The noise and distractions are not overbearing to Stanley.

"During the week it's not that bad," Stanley said. "It depends on if there's anything going on that night."

Perhaps within the next few years more organizations will have the opportunity to experience that kind of community living, but for now Seymour said the concrete plans only go as far as funding the development of housing infrastructure.

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NSU Police Blotter

10-9-03
3:58 p.m.
There was a call from the front desk of Dodd Hall because the fire alarm was going off. Students were evacuated, and the Natchitoches Fire Department was called to check out the problem.

10-10-03
5:08 p.m.
An Iberville employee reported a motor on fire at Iberville. The Natchitoches Fire Department was called to put the fire out.

10:08 p.m.
A medical emergency in Kyser 209 resulted in a woman being transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

8:35 p.m.
Police received a call from the Sheriff's department in reference to a crowd at the NSU gymnasium getting out of control. Apparently the security guard on duty just left.

10-11-03
12:37 p.m.
A black Toyota truck smashed in to the gates at the columns. Officers were called for assistance, and statements were taken from eyewitnesses.

11:45 p.m.
A man had an asthma attack in West Rapides. Officers were sent over, and EMTs were notified. He was transported to Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

10-12-03
12:27 p.m.
A call was made from married-student housing making in reference to a rock being thrown through the window of one of the apartments.

8:45 p.m.
Another complaint from married student housing was called in because another rock was thrown through the windshield of a student's car. Shortly after, a man came to the campus police station with a description of the suspects. A statement was taken and two juveniles were taken into custody.

10-13-03
2:48 p.m.
An officer and the campus nurse responded to a call about a woman who fell in the Alley.

Elizabeth Bolt

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committeeman from Louisiana to the Democratic National Committee. Jones is a 1958 graduate of NSU with degrees in accounting, economics and agriculture.

Thompson is associate dean for baccalaureate education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Of the 2.6 million nurses currently in the U.S, she is only one of 1,500 that have been inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing. Thompson served as a member of the NSU College of Nursing faculty from 1982-1992. Thompson is a 1970 graduate of NSU with a bachelor's in nursing. She earned a master's degree in pediatrics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a doctorate in higher education administration at the University of North Texas.

Thompson, who was president of the Louisiana Student Nurses Association between her junior and senior year, said, "While attending NSU, I began to develop some of my leadership skills that helped me move forward. I had a lot of opportunities that helped my growth."

Thompson said she encourages all NSU students to take advantage of opportunities on campus that will help them learn, grow and later use what they have learned when entering the work force. Thompson also said she believes that it is an important obligation for students to give back to the community and others through volunteer efforts.

Chris Maggio, director [illegible] alumni affairs and developme[illegible] explained that the Long Purp[illegible] Line is the highest honor th[illegible] alumni of NSU can receive a[illegible] that all inductees are chosen [illegible] how they represent themsel[illegible] and the University throughou[illegible] the world.

"These folks are all leade[illegible] and if a student looks at their c[illegible] dentials, they will probab[illegible] scratch their heads and sa[illegible] 'Wow, I cannot believe these fol[illegible] were right here sitting in t[illegible] same classrooms that I sit [illegible] today,' " said Maggio, who [illegible] responsible for providing t[illegible] inductees' credential inf[illegible] mation.

Professor's comments make news

By Kyle A. Carter
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Last month, James Means, a professor of English at the Louisiana Scholars' College, found himself at the center of a debate based on comments he e-mailed to the Fox News organization.

Fox News' Web site, in a posting dated Sept. 16, quoted Means' e-mail as saying Fox News reporter Brit Hume was "the least objective reporter I have ever listened to. A total pig." The site also quoted Means for writing that Hume's show "is... an insult to thinking people," and says Means called President Bush a "drooling redneck."

However, Fox News declined to post the full e-mail, or full, unbroken quotes from the e-mail. Means also declined an interview with a *Sauce* reporter.

The faculty handbook for professors at the University, posted on NSU's Web site, states that the University faculty has the right to academic freedom, which is defined as "the right of scholars in institutions of higher education freely to study, discuss, investigate, teach, and publish." This means that faculty have a right to express their views because when they speak or write as a citizen, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

"I see no problem with all faculty expressing their views," said political science professor Alex Aichinger. "I think more faculty should."

The faculty handbook says that with being part of an institution certain responsibilities are placed on faculty in their writings and opinions.

The handbook states, "As persons of learning and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge the profession and the institution by their utterances".

Margaret Cochran, director of the Scholars' College, said, "One difficulty you can never predict is how one opinion may affect someone else,"

The University, in turn, expects that faculty will hold others' opinions in high esteem, and that the professor will remember to acknowledge that his or her opinion does not reflect that of the University as a whole.

"I do believe that I should not pull the University into comments that I made," Steve Horton, dean of the journalism department, said. "I also believe that the University should not hold it against me for comments I make."

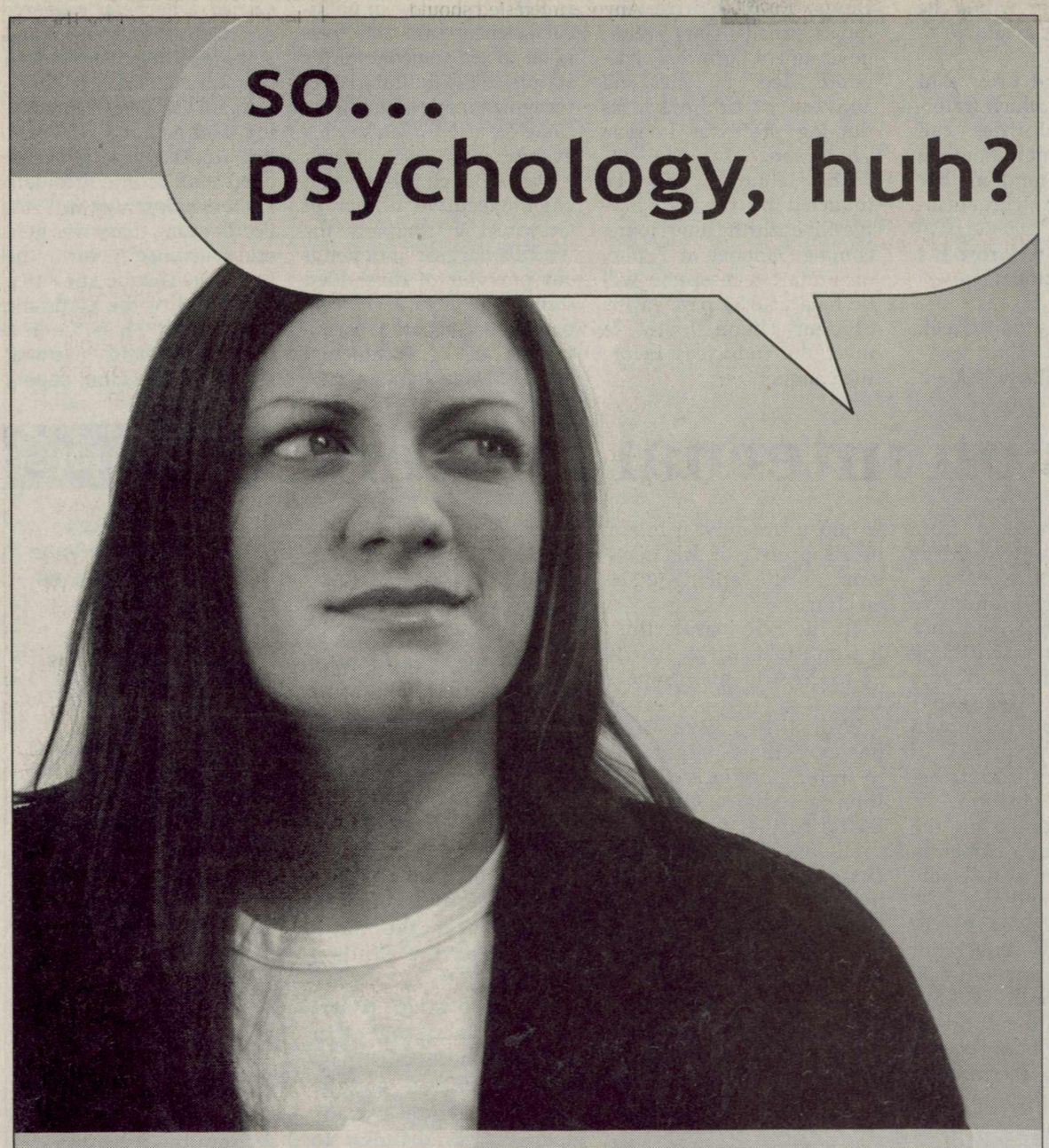
According to the handbook, "Academic freedom in its teaching aspects is fundamental f[illegible] the protection of the rights of t[illegible] teacher in teaching and of t[illegible] student in learning." Faculty a[illegible] given academic freedom [illegible] research, speak and write the[illegible] opinions in the pursuit of lear[illegible] ing and truth. Professors mu[illegible] keep in mind that their opinio[illegible] do affect students, parents a[illegible] those in the community arou[illegible] them.

Aichinger said, "The one thi[illegible] you have to guard against is th[illegible] many of the faculty have stro[illegible] opinions on many of things, a[illegible] that teachers sharing those op[illegible] ions are not trying to convin[illegible] the students that those opinio[illegible] are right."

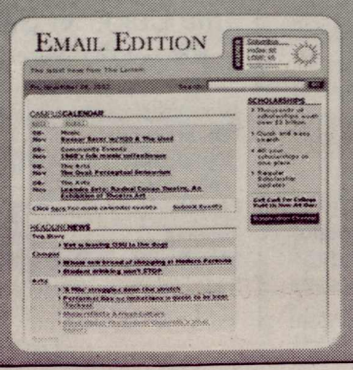
"Don't let your influence wi[illegible] the kids affect how you teach[illegible] Horton said.

As a result, teachers' opinio[illegible] can have a huge impact on t[illegible] University. The opinion c[illegible] affect enrollment, funding, pa[illegible] ents' views of the school a[illegible] community views which can [illegible] result in either positive or neg[illegible] tive actions taken towards t[illegible] school.

"Certainly extreme vie[illegible] points expressed by the facul[illegible] positive or negative, can have [illegible] impact on people at the Unive[illegible] sity, people looking at the U[illegible] versity and possibly funding [illegible] the University," Cochran said.



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Good time management can prevent stress from making study sessions unbearable.

Surviving midterms

Compiled By *Sauce* Staff

Preparation

Organizing notes and class materials can go a long way towards making study time go faster and easier. By spending less time searching for needed information, more time becomes available to review it.

This means clearing out backpacks, textbooks, the back seat of the car — wherever class notes and handouts end up. Once all of these materials are collected, organize them by subject, then by topic. For example, all history notes should go in one folder, sorted by textbook chapter or historical period.

Pre-exam review classes with the professor are especially productive with collected, organized notes, as they often provide insight as to what questions need to be asked before the exam arrives.

Collecting notes also helps study groups share information. For study groups that meet often, it helps to agree on a common system of organization.

Finally, collecting notes at midterms this way creates a ready-to-go system for organizing notes for finals.

Time Management

Be sure to understand when the exams are scheduled for, and where. Most NSU classes meet in their regular classrooms and at their regular times during midterms, but double-check exam dates and/or project deadlines with the professor. Syllabi have a funny way of changing at the last minute.

Once the exam schedule is in hand, set aside study time early on and stick to the schedule. Cramming can hurt more than it helps, since the human brain needs time to digest information much in the same way the stomach needs time to digest food — cram class information too quickly and the mind will just inefficiently puke it up at exam time.

Studying Relaxed

burn out

Even with effective time management, it's not hard to stress out over the tests. Build break time into study schedules and use it as an incentive while studying — just 10 more minutes until a cookie break, for example — to stay alert and break the monotony of studying. (Note that thinking "10 more minutes until a shot of tequila" is *not* a good plan. Neither is planning study time at bars, clubs or parties.)

Quiet isn't always best for a study place. Study where and how it's comfortable to do so. Keep away from distractions, but if it seems like everything is a distraction, it's probably a bad time to study. Take a break.

And most of all, remember: it is just midterm. There's another whole half of the semester to finish, and these midterms will help uncover what's not quite sinking in from class. Don't aim too high and focus on learning material for the long run, or at least the final — don't focus on learning just enough to regurgitate on the exam since the same information will inevitably come back on the final, even if the final doesn't claim to be cumulative.

Stressing out isn't learning. When things get too rough to maintain focus, take a break. Play a video game. Take a walk, rent a movie, call a friend. When the stress subsides, give it another try. It's amazing what 30 minutes off can do sometimes.

Studying Smart

Be sure to note what the professor talks about in class — exams, especially when they're written by the professor, tend to focus on lectures and assignments. Look up information about the SQ3R study method (www.campusblues.com/studyskills.asp is a good start), which breaks tedious textbook reading down into smaller, easier-to-digest parts.

Flashcards might seem fifth-grade, but they're very effective, especially for vocabulary, language and formulas.

Use resources already in the textbook, such as 'unit in review' summaries and quizzes. Most textbooks today have very useful study quizzes and chapter reviews on the Internet or compact disc as well.

Above all, ask the professor questions. Identify problematic topics early and get help before throwing chairs at 4 a.m. of the morning of the test.

After The Test

Party. No, seriously, celebrate and be happy. Most of all, don't worry about how the test went. Once the exam or project's finished, there's nothing that can be done about it. So just let go, enjoy the weekend, and get ready for the last half of the semester.

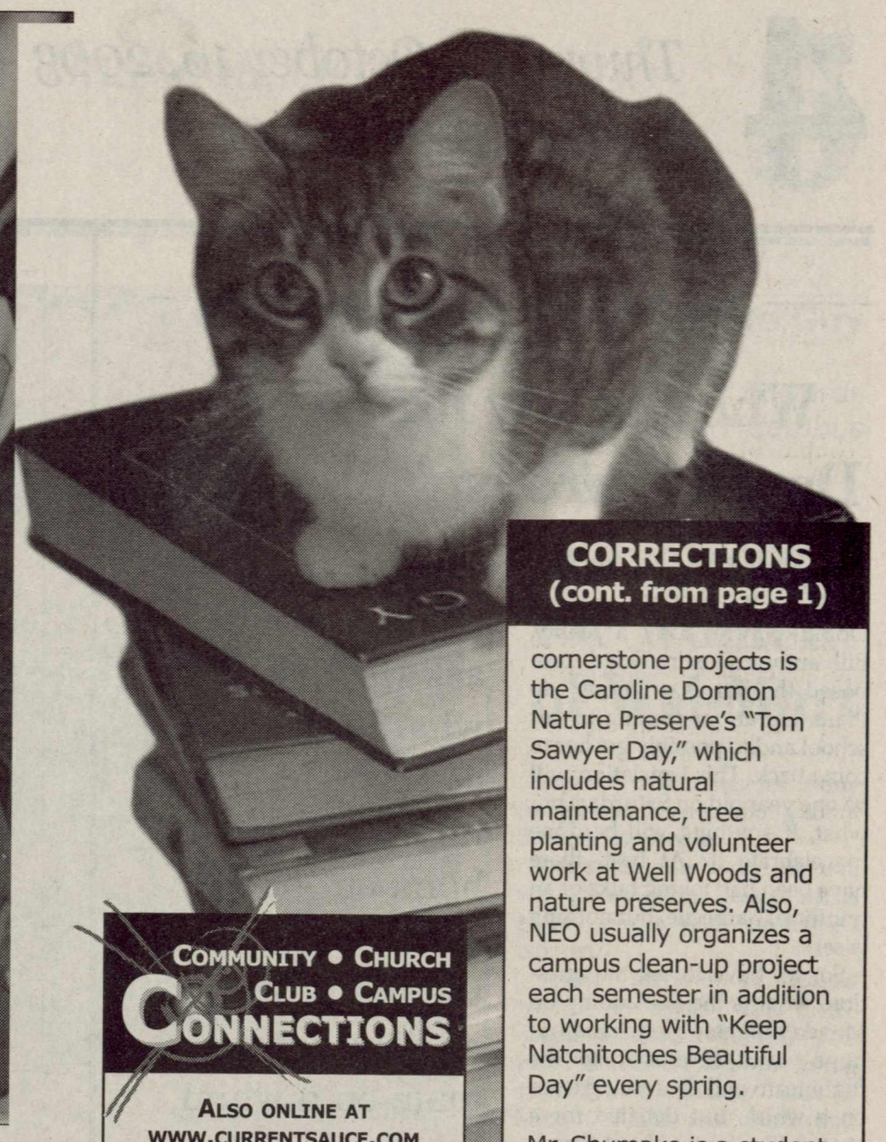
For traditional students, and especially first-generation college students (whose parents didn't go to college), the home bunch will fret over midterm grades. If parents ask, just be honest and straightforward: tell them how things went and especially what the class has taught so far.

Nontraditional students with families can use midterms to celebrate together and share the knowledge gained from the class so far. While a four-year-old might not understand a 3000-level biology class, trying to explain concepts to her is a surprisingly easy way to reinforce the class' lessons, since it requires a different method of thought.

At Least Get Help

We at *the Sauce* don't claim to be experts (though most of this information is gleaned from experts). The University's Counseling and Career Services (357-5621) is full of resources for coping with stress in general. Student Support Services (357-5901) also has special programs for first-generation, disabled and low-income students.

Sources: NSU Counseling and Career Services, thewingspan.org, campusblues.com, University of Iowa and University of South Florida counseling centers



CORRECTIONS
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cornerstone projects is the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve's "Tom Sawyer Day," which includes natural maintenance, tree planting and volunteer work at Well Woods and nature preserves. Also, NEO usually organizes a campus clean-up project each semester in addition to working with "Keep Natchitoches Beautiful Day" every spring.

Mr. Shumake is a student reporter in NSU's journalism program, and his story on NEO was submitted as part of a class requirement. It was one of the first newspaper articles he had written. All future stories submitted by class writers will note so beneath the author's by-line.

For example:

By Joe Student
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This is a story about corrections.

Also, Elaine Broussard's Oct. 9 story about the SGA (Pages 1-2) should have mentioned that study carrels, not corrals, were the subject of legislation passed by the SGA. The legislation also incorrectly used the term 'corrals' in its text. We thank Michael Cobb in the Language and Communications Department for alerting us to this error.

The carrel legislation's passage does not open the carrels until the bill has been signed by the SGA president and members of the University administration.

the CURRENT SAUCE apologizes for these errors and has taken actions to help prevent future problems. We encourage everyone, and especially people interviewed by SAUCE reporters, to contact us with any concerns about our reporting or reporters by calling **357-5456** or e-mailing **currentsauce@nsula.edu.**

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Anyone interested should contact the **Financial Aid office in Roy Hall** or **e-mail Dawn King at dking@nsula.edu.**
The application deadline is Monday.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
October is Business Ethics Month for NSU's **SIFE**. SIFE will be doing a project with the NSU Elementary Lab school to educate them about business ethics, called "Coloring with Ethics,"on Monday.
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Who's ready for Oprah Day? It sure isn't the SGA

Almost one year ago, the SGA passed bill FA02-014 making Oprah Winfrey Day a reality. Bill author Dustin Floyd proposed the bill as a "nicety" to thank Oprah for coming to our school and to possibly get her to come back. This legislation will be one year old on Saturday, but what, if anything will be done to celebrate it? At best, there have been half joking talks of an unofficial barbecue, but nothing is set.

So, we have to ask the question, what is the SGA doing on Monday nights? They hand out huge sums of money to the flight team and the rowing team on a whim, but debated for a heated 15 minutes about Oprah Day.

It's a sad, but true, fact that other schools, hands down, have better student governments. These aren't schools that are far away either. The other Louisiana "NSU", Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, has an SGA that is always coming up with new programs for the students. They have set up copy machines at various spots on campus and provided absentee voting forms for school elections.

Southeastern Louisiana University — you know, that little school we needlessly slaughtered at last weekend's football game? — also has a variety of services. Their SGA has a car wash on campus that student organizations can use to raise money. They also allow students to send faxes from their offices for a small fee.

Northwestern offers free Scantrons and $75 loans. (So do the other schools.) If our SGA offers any other services, they don't do a very good job of advertising it.

By now you might be asking how we know all of this. Simple: we surfed their Web sites. Both schools proudly broadcast their services on updated SGA Web sites. We can't find any such list on ours. In fact, its list of members hasn't been updated since David Gunn and Rusty Broussard ran the show in 2000.

So, back to Oprah Day. How are we showing our appreciation for the woman that put our tiny little town and our school on the map, even if it was for just one day? Well, part-time bartender Floyd is now selling "Oprah Day 2003" thong underwear on his Web site (www.dustinfloyd.com). He is also relying on word of mouth to promote a night at the bar where there will be an Oprah dress-up contest. He said the winner will get a bar tab.

It's a little hard to believe that Oprah would find any of this honoring. In fact, we would go so far as to doubt that she gave permission for her face to be on a thong. And we can only imagine that a woman that has worked so hard to make herself a respected member of the talk show society would get a kick out of people dressing up like her to win a bar tab.

So, we have to ask the question, what is the SGA doing on Monday nights? They hand out huge sums of money to the flight team and the rowing team on a whim, but debated for a heated 15 minutes about Oprah Day.

So, fellow students, it looks like the SGA has taken their own "nicety" and turned it into a slap in the face by their sheer inability to act on legislation they set in motion. Unless the bar thing falls through, we're looking at legislation as meaningless as the SGA's fight to get tampon dispensers in the women's bathrooms.

Signed,
Linda D. Held
Business manager

Patrick West
Sports editor

Leslie Westbrook
Copy editor

I agree to all of the above except the dress-up contest bit, which I think Oprah has enough of a sense of humor to appreciate.

I have no issue with crew and the flight team getting money from the SGA, and I doubt anyone else on the editorial board does either. But the proportion of debate over senate actions to the effect of those actions is flawed, with too much time spent on discussing issues of little import to the students and too little on large expenditures. I'd mention debate on bills that provide services to students, but there haven't been enough bills of that nature up for approval.

Also, I'd like to note that the SGA — or any organization, recognized or not, on- or off-campus — can promote, at no cost, any free services available to all students in our Campus Connections.

Signed,
Garrett Guillotte
Editor in chief

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As long as certain jobs can only be reached through exams, so long must we take this examination system seriously. If another ladder to employment was contrived, **much so-called education would disappear,** and no one would be a penny the stupider.

E. M. Forster

Analysis

Survey finds NSU students lack knowledge

By Mara Rubino
JOUR 4700 Class Writer

Think you're smart? You're a college student, living on your own, old enough to drink or vote. Not so fast though. You might not be as informed as you think. 77 NSU undergraduate and graduate students were asked to fill out surveys for a journalism senior seminar class. The survey posed questions about civics, current events and entertainment news. And you guessed it. Students knew more about entertainment than "real news."

Is the color of Jennifer Lopez's engagement ring really that important? The unscientific poll shows that 45 percent of students knew the answer. However, when asked who Yasser Arafat is, only 13 percent knew. Do you know? Television news and newspapers have a mixture of both entertainment and hard news. So maybe we're not all dumb. Many blame the media for covering too much entertainment. However, others say the media only responds to what we want.

Nielsen Media Research is known for its TV ratings. Thousands of households have people meters attached to their TV, VCR, cable box or satellite dish, according to nielsenmedia.com. These meters tell Nielsen what channels and shows you watch, and how often you watch them. TV executives know that people like to be entertained with celebrities, sex and violence. If the ratings showed that people did not like to watch these things, TV programming would feature more history, documentaries and education. Entertainment may be the only thing we're concerned with anymore.

Eighty-seven percent of students surveyed knew that actor John Ritter recently died. But only 5 percent knew Kofi Annan is the secretary general of the United Nations. Only 66 percent of NSU students surveyed could name the three branches of government. Shouldn't every college student know that? As a matter of fact, shouldn't every high school student know that? What's more shocking is only 25 percent of students knew who would be next in line for the presidency, if the president or vice-president were not available. Do you know?

In the book, Amusing Ourselves to Death, Neil Postman said, "People no longer talk to each other; they entertain each other." I suppose knowing the chief justice of the Supreme Court is not entertaining then because 5 percent of students knew the answer. Do you know? Postman said we're in a "culture overwhelmed by irrelevance, incoherence and impotence."

If you didn't know all the answers, this will have served as a wake-up call to pay more attention to the important issues in life, rather than just entertainment. I didn't know all the answers and I plan on doing something about it. Do you? A events in recent history hav unfolded, it doesn't take much t see we should be very concerne with the people in our govern ment and governing bodie around the world.

And by the way, Yasser Araf is the Palestinian Liberatio Organization chairman. If th president or vice-president wer not available, the speaker of th house is next in line for the pres dency. And finally, William Rehn quist is the chief justice of th Supreme Court.

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Columbus Day too important to be forgotten

By Elizabeth Bolt
Staff Writer

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue...

Columbus Day was this past Monday, and I cannot say that I heard one person mention anything about it rather than that classes should be cancelled because of it! What has happened to this holiday in which we honor the man who discovered new lands?

Though the theory that Columbus actually discovered the New Americas is controversial, we, as a nation, set a side a date to honor Christopher Columbus and his discovery just to forget it? What significance does Columbus Day even have anymore? Is there anyone out there who is proud to say that Columbus Day is a national holiday?

No one seems to have given a second thought to this important turning point in history.

I, for one, cannot comprehend how one could just forget this day. Had Columbus not set sail when he did, and the land he discovered remained uncharted for many more years, history itself may have taken a totally different path. The cultures that exist on those islands may have been nothing like they are today! We should honor Columbus for his discoveries and give him a lot more respect and gratitude than what has developed from our society's neglect of honoring such an importan day!

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Letters to the Editor

Where is the story?

RIOT?!? I see this in the blotter but no news article about it...what was the deal for those of us who no longer live in Natchitoches but wanna keep up with the dealings of NSU.

Dave Knox
NSU Alumnus

Where are the letters?

Dear Editor:

I was just wondering why there was no letters to the Editor from students at Northwestern in the latest edition of the Current Sauce. They were all wire services. Have you not received any? I like a more localized student paper.

Thank you for your time!

Josh Ault

NEO on campus

Thank you for putting in the article about NEO in Current Sauce; however, we need to let you know that there was a lot of wrong information in the article.

(Editor's Note: The corrections are listed on pages 1-2 of this issue and omitted from this letter for space.)

Personally, I was glad to see NEO get some public recognition for the work we have done, but this was not what I had in mind. I felt the article did not really present the nature of our club. We are mainly a community service type of club, doing volunteer work in Well Woods and the nature preserve, and around on campus.

It also bothered me that of all the things I told the reporter, the offhand quote about needing new members was what got put in. I had talked to him about how we just want more respect from the student body: people throw trash into our recycling bins which say in big bright block letters "CANS ONLY — NO TRASH" (and not just used paper, they put in food, clothes, all kinds of weird and disgusting crap that we have to dig through and clean out because if there is any contamination, the cans cannot be recycled and all of our hours of work have been for nothing). What I don't understand is how people can not notice our signs. I mean, people have to physically take off the lids clearly labeled CANS ONLY NO TRASH to stuff big posters and food containers into them. I really do not enjoy digging through other people's smelly old garbage. But I do it because I believe in something called a greate good, and every month at least w put in about ten hours emptying ou recycling, cleaning the bins, and put ting them back on campus. It's no quick or very fun. We just wan people to show a little respect an decency and not throw garbage int the bins or take down our signs.

I just get really infuriated at th crap people put in those bins (w actually found mildewed swea pants in one in Kyser, along with bo tles, Vic's containers, cups, silver ware, uneaten food, it goes on an on) because I don't like having to di through it. It's really gross. Ther are swarms of flies and gnats tha take up residence in them, and w haven't even gone into the smel now have we...

Ciel Daffor
Senior, Scholars' Colleg

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



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Movie review

'Bill' best bad movie ever made

★★★★ (out of five)

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There's something to be said for the charm of poorly—produced movies, with their bad edits and melodramatic acting, low budget corner cutting and continuity holes. Hong Kong kung fu films and low—budget Japanese samurai films and animated shows of the 70s took those elements and, almost always unintentionally, amplified them through bad English dubs and cultural confusion.

So when the king of B—movie genre homage, Quentin Taratino, shows up with long—absent Uma Thurman to pay his respects to low—budget East Asian cinema, it's easy to conceive the best, well, bad movie ever made. He executes that concept to a tee on this first of two "volumes" of "Kill Bill."

In a nutshell, the plot focuses on Thurman's pregnant character — whose real name is always bleeped out when it's spoken — being beaten to a coma at her wedding by her former assassination squad pals, led by David Carradine of TV's "Kung Fu" as the title character. (Yes, it's a big stretch.) Years later, when she comes to, she seeks a ton of really, really violent revenge.

The sometimes overwrought dialogue, especially Thurman's, hints at the content of bad kung fu dubs. The shallow plot drops more Shaw Brothers references than most people can consume in a single viewing. The animated sequence (by Japanese animation group Production IG, of Furi Kuri and Ghost in the Shell fame) feels more like a nod to the genre than a rip—off.

Even video games get an indirect wink during an especially surreal fight between Thurman — dressed in a Bruce Lee yellow jumpsuit — and a Japanese schoolgirl/psychotic killer (a nod closer to 2000's anime—inspired Battle Royale). Add to that Taratino's now oft—imitated non—linear storytelling and impeccable soundtrack selection (with additional scoring by Wu—Tang Clan's the RZA) and you get a film that flirts with going over the cliff with every second — right down to the cliffhanging end.

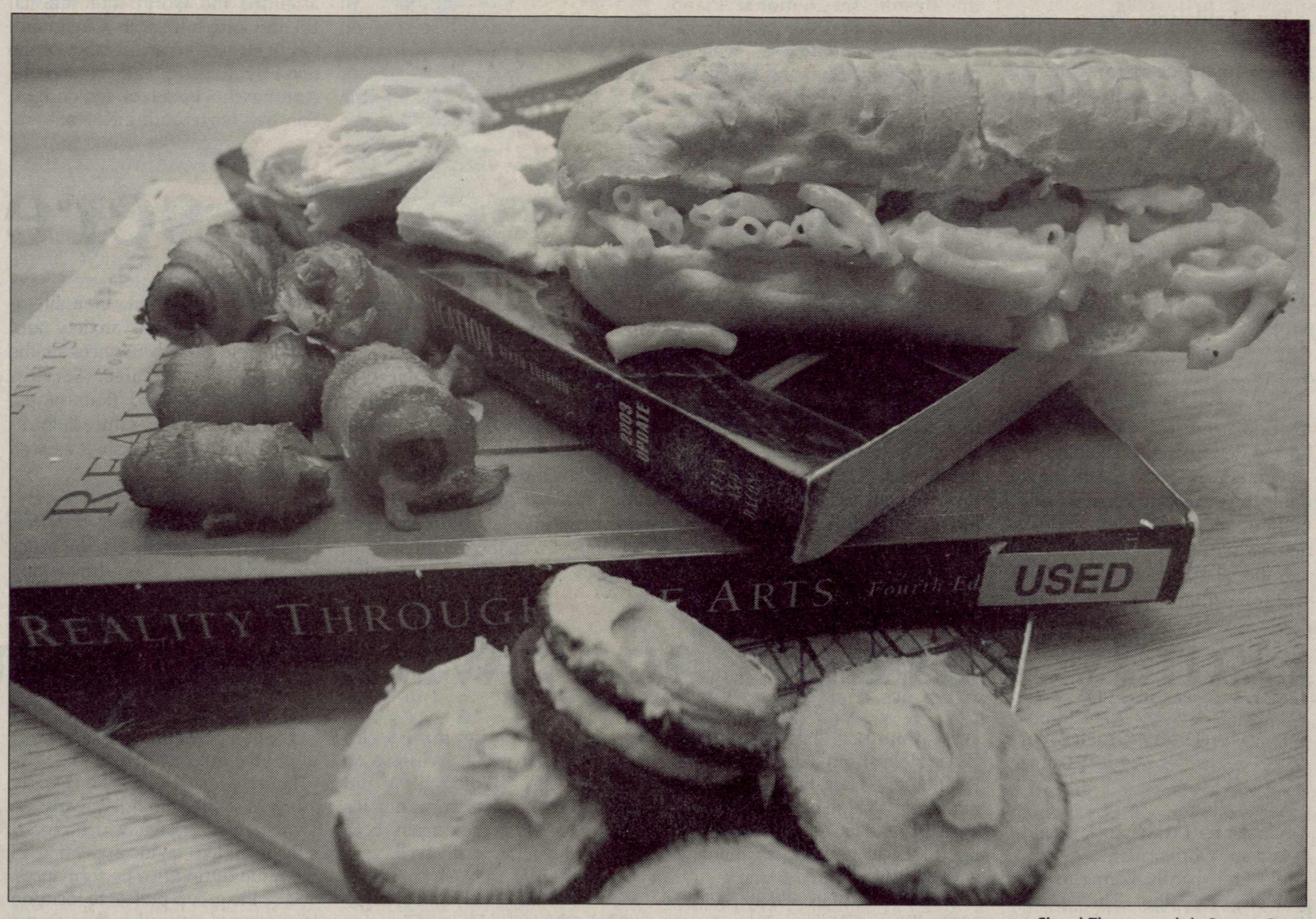
But however well Taratino treads the thin line between hock—socky homage and spoof, it's a line that not many people will care about. There isn't much beneath all the "I am Taratino, Lord of Obscure and Gritty Movies'" style. It's visually striking, but with Taratino intentionally dropping in what other movies try to avoid — bad editing, bizarre camera zooms, freakishly unrealistic blood sprays — as inside jokes for film buffs.

Taratino, as he especially did in Pulp Fiction, gives the audience plenty of reasons to empathize with unlikable characters, but dialogue is relatively far and in between, especially compared to his past work. Even the extended cameo by Chiba, reprising his role from a late '70s/early '80s TV series, is a welcome comic break but feels a little too long.

And this is just the first half of the film, which combined would clock in past 3 hours in length — think Braveheart, or the *extended* version of a Lord of the Rings film. The second part, due out in February, will ultimately determine if Taratino finishes capturing the essence of old—school East Asian camp cinema, like his past films did with crime capers and blaxploitation flicks. Kill Bill is a crash course in a bit of it all.

Kill Bill is a fun watch if you're a Taratino fan or kung fu/samurai/action anime film fan, or if you've at least done your film studies homework. If you

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Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Oh taste and see the wonderful delicacies of pinwheels (left), mac'n'cheese sandwich (right), and peanut butter oreos (center) for the brain of a college student.

Recipes to fit a college budget

By Alleigha Goodman
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As midterms get closer and closer, money gets sparer by the day. Either the refund check came in and you spent it, it hasn't come in yet to spend. The measly allowance your parents so graciously give has turned out to not quite be a fortune and your boss cut your job hours down to nothing.

Despite the situation, one thing is certain: we're hungry, and cheap food is always a plus. If you're tired of non-stop ramen noodles, take a look at a couple of these original recipes from classmates that are cheap and easy to make.

Eggs Galore
by Kelcie Ross
Scramble your eggs in a skillet. I like to mix it up by topping with ketchup, mustard, and salsa. It really is good!

Pinwheels
by Kelcie Ross
Mix cream cheese and sour cream together in a small bowl (the amount is totally dependent on how many tortillas you plan on eating). Spread the mixture on a flour tortilla. Roll, cut, and serve. I also like to dip it in hot sauce.

Green Bean Beggin' Strips
by Jennifer Collins
Wrap four regular cut green beans (canned is fine) with a raw slice of bacon. Place as many as you like on a pan. Bake in the oven at 400 degrees for three to five minutes or until the bacon turns brown and crisps.

Mac 'N Cheese Sandwich
by Margaret Chini
Follow instructions on Easy Mac package. Hollow out the middle of two slices of sub-style bread. Fill with cooked Easy Mac. I like to season mine with some Tony's.

Heber's BBQ Sandwich
by Anonymous
Heat KC's Masterpiece Chopped Pork in microwave until hot. Spread onto a hamburger bun and top with cole slaw. I like mine with a Coke mixed with salted peanuts.

Eggs and Rice
by Taesia Shello
Scramble eggs and mix in rice. It's actually quite filling. I top mine with ketchup.

These suggestions may sound a bit absurd but try them and you may actually like them. My personal favorite is something that my mom started in college and continues to eat today. She calls it Smoogles. All you do is toast a piece of bread, spread peanut butter on top and sprinkle with bacon bits. I personally don't care for it, but my mother and younger sister both love it. When times get rough...and the cabinets get empty...these suggestions may pull you through a rough spot so be open-minded. Delicacy or not?!

A few student suggestions for dessert: ice cream with pickles, Cherry-Vanilla Dr. Pepper, French fries dipped in milk shakes, Oreo cookies with peanut butter, and cheese on peach cobbler. Also, if you mix candy corn and peanuts you get a fast, easy, cheaper Pay Day candy bar.

Alpha Phi Alpha seeks Miss Black and Gold

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Big smiles, even bigger hair, and catfights have always been associated with beauty pageants, but the future of pageants seem to be focused more on scholarship, service, and self-esteem.

The annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant, sponsored by the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, is scheduled to be held in November of 2003. In order to apply, you have to be a female student at NSU and have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5.

The pageant is similar to the more familiar Miss Lady of the Bracelet, both consisting of an introduction, swimwear, talent, and eveningwear portion of the competition. The difference lies in the interview process.

Whereas contestants for the Lady of the Bracelet pageant go through a preliminary eight-minute interview and an onstage question focused on their platform, Miss Black and Gold contestants will only answer one question during the eveningwear segment. The interview process has become the most important aspect of pageants and usually determines almost half of the final score. Contestants are asked about issues in society which range from politics to pop culture.

When asked why she chose to enter the Miss Black and Gold pageant, sophomore Christina Ballard responded that she though it was a great opportunity to "get more involved around Northwestern."

Dy Shon Washington, vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said that they are looking for "a talented young woman who is poised, intelligent, articulate, confident, and able to hold her own."

The new Miss Black and Gold will receive a cash scholarship, become a hostess for Alpha Phi Alpha functions, and compete in the regional pageant which leads to the national Miss Black and Gold competition. Although the formal informational was held on Oct. 8, any interested lady can receive an informational packet from any member of Alpha Phi Alpha around NSU.



Amanda Breaux / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Tartuffe (played by Joe Naples) tries to seduce Elmire (played by Alicia Schultz) with Orgon (played by Levi Petree) under the bed.

'Tartuffe' starts NSU run today

By *Sauce* Staff
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The NSU Theatre Department will be presenting Tartuffe, a play by Jean-Baptiste Poquelin Moliere.

The play is scheduled to run Oct. 16 through Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredricks Auditorium. Scott Burrell directs the performance.

The play takes place at the home of Orgon (played by Levi Petree) who invites Tartuffe (played by Joe Naples) to stay in his home. Tartuffe attempts to seduce Orgon's wife Elmire (played by Alicia Schultz) and also tries to disinherit Damis (Jacob B. Smith), Orgon's son. Tartuffe also tries to break Mariane (played by Natalie Boyd) and Valere's (played by Juliane Lyons) engagement. Everyone seems to see through Tartuffe except Orgon.

The play was condemned and banned for five years during the time of Moliere. Tartuffe is a satire on religious hypocrisy. It is a comedy that was used to correct people's wickedness.



Amanda Breaux / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Orgon (Petree) and Tartuffe (Naples).

Single Guy

Eric Edwards
KRT Campus

Playboy searching for Women of Wal-Mart

Playboy is famous for many things, and I'm not talking about the articles, people.

I'm talking about the creative way the magazine dresses up its glossy pages with undressed women.

While pictures of naked women are usually all a men's magazine should need to provide brisk sales, Playboy is losing ground to competitors such as Maxim, FHM and Stuff that don't even use pictures of naked women. What these mags lack in nudity, they make up for in snarkiness and creativity. Oh yeah, that and the fact that they can enlist the hottest starlets around by telling them that nudity is not part of the photo shoots.

Since it is hard to imagine Playboy without the nudity, the magazine is often forced to come up with quirky, sexy ways to get readers involved. Playboy is renowned for its pictorials on college girls, usually photographed by athletic conference: "Girls of the ACC," "Girls of the Big 10," "Girls of WAC." But even that annual rite doesn't have the impact it once did, largely because these lithe young women are unattainable for men who aren't college quarterbacks or Snoop Dogg. In order to reach out to more people, Playboy has come up with a new spread that promises to offer pictures of women that everyone has access to: "Women of Wal-Mart."

Playboy has announced a search for models on its Web site. This is certainly not the first gimmick Playboy has used as an excuse to get women to take off their clothes. Last year, it featured the women of Enron, playing off the news of the company's collapse. And since Enron stock was completely pummeled after the scandal, it's hard to imagine that the women weren't lining up to cash in in any way possible.

But Wal-Mart is different. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, is cut from very conservative cloth. You can't even buy Maxim, FHM or any of the racy men's magazines there, much less Playboy.

"Wal-Mart employees have a reputation for being cheerful and now Playboy.com is giving them a chance to smile for the camera," Playboy said in a press release to CNNMoney Online. "Playboy.com wants Wal-Mart's sexiest assets to roll back their clothes and pose nude."

The only problem: I've never seen any Playboy-quality models greeting me, stocking shelves or running the cash register when I've visited Wal-Mart.

To be truthful, I don't spend that much time at the store, but it's an enormous company so there would probably be some talent somewhere.

But why Wal-Mart?

"We knew that this would be a very provocative thing for us to do," John Thomas, editor of Playboy.com told CNNMoney. "Wal-Mart has a conservative corporate image and we knew they wouldn't be thrilled. But we're hoping that the company will be pleased once they see how fun the pictures are and how empowered the women at Wal-Mart feel."

So in the interest of helping Playboy, I'd like to offer other unlikely groups that might make for interesting, if somewhat controversial, photo spreads:

-The women of the Bush administration.

-The women of the Southern Baptist Convention.

-The women of toll booths.

-The women of the county fair.

-The women of the public library system.

-The women of the McDonald's drive-through.

Coming next week in Diversions: Texas Chainsaw Massacre review *the Current Sauce*

Pianist Eun Soo Son to perform at NSU

By Mandy Ward
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The Louisiana Piano Series International continues Saturday with a free concert for NSU students featuring pianist Eun Soo Son of South Korea at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Eun Soo Son has won prizes for her talents in music in numerous international competitions such as the Busoni International Piano Competition and the Artist International Competition as well as many others. She was awarded the "Musician of Today" Award by the Six Critics Group in Seoul, South Korea.


SON

Son came to the United States at the age of 11 to further her studies in music. She received the Bachelor and Master's Degree of Music, as sell as the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Julliard School in New York City.

Dr. Nikita N. Fitenko, NSU assistant professor of piano, attended the World International Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served as member of the jury evaluating the musicians. Among the panel of ten judges, Son was representing Korea.

Fitenko thought Son would be a fabulous choice for the piano series, because "she has great Korean training as well as the Julliard degrees." "She is a very strong musician." Fitenko said. He invited Son to participate in the piano series and she agreed to visit NSU.

NSU hosts depression screenings

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Last week Health Services and the Counseling and Career Services hosted depression screenings.

Both offices were present for students to speak to and gather information about different types of depression.

National screening tools, in the form of surveys, are used to evaluate students. These surveys are processed with the student. The centers use standardized norms in order to evaluate results. Students that show signs of depression or anxiety are given referral sheets for follow-ups. The centers screen for three categories of depression: mood disorders (including bipolar), anxiety and PTSD.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is commonly found in people who have been through traumatic events and who are having problems returning to regular daily activities.

Attendance for the screening was impressive. The screening actually went over the allocated time due to interested students asking questions. Students who did not get a chance to attend and who are interested in obtaining more information can obtain literature on depression, anxiety and PTSD from Health Services or the Counseling and Career Services located on the third floor of the Student Union. Literature is located on a hallway bookshelf as well as the office itself.

Leah Lentz, a counselor with Counseling and Career Services, says students can access the office for support in a non-threatening and comfortable environment. She stresses that college students have a place to go to speak to someone or to pick up literature. Lentz says they are there to "provide resources and support" to students who may be feeling more than over-whelmed.

Counseling and Career Services is located in room 305 of the Student Union and the office number is 357-5621.

Dandy Warhols busy with new album, tour

By Chuck Myers
KRT Campus

A new album.

A major tour with a rock legend.

And an "Odditorium."

Idle time hardly seems to be a problem for the The Dandy Warhols.

Once noted for its rambunctious, sometimes racy stage behavior, the power pop quartet of singer/guitarist Courtney Taylor, guitarist Peter Holmstrom (also known as Peter Loew, after he adopted the maiden last name of his wife), keyboardist Zia McCabe and drummer Brent DeBoer now draws attention with its richly layered sound.

On the heels of its widely praised 2000 album "Thirteen Tales From Urban Bohemia," the band's latest release, "Welcome to the Monkey House" (Capitol), may elevate The Dandy Warhols to a greater commercial plane.

"Welcome to the Monkey House" marks the fourth album by the Portland, Ore.-based band. The album exhibits sonic continuity with a smooth mix of aggressive and sensual numbers. Although content with the result, the band feels that "Thirteen Tales" was actually more musically diverse.

"I think that the 'Monkey House' is actually more of similar sounding record," says Holmstrom. "And it's just production value. Whereas on 'Thirteen Tales,' I though we did cover a broader spectrum. But it's just in style. But, then again, both records fit together really well."

To help build the lush sound on "Monkey House," the band brought in Nick Rhodes of Duran Duran to assist with producing. While Rhodes added some distinctive touches, Holmstrom notes that his actual contributions to the album were very focused, particularly on the ethereal "Insincere."

"That's one of the two songs that Nick wrote and really, like, actually earned producer credit for," says Holmstrom. "It's kind of a title, and sort of a weird one. Because we'd been working on the record for about a year before he got involved. And the record pretty much sounded then the way it sounds now, except for `Insincere' and `Over It.' ... The other ones (songs), he just sort of put the frosting on top."

Formed in 1992, The Dandy Warhols gained notoriety early on for its antics onstage, which reportedly included Taylor appearing in the nude during live performances. Today, the group prefers to focus on long concert sets rather than risque visual surprises. The band generally shrugs off its colorful past, and thinks its live show reputation has been overblown.

"It's totally hyped up from the press," explains Holmstrom. "It's not something that ever happened all that often. It probably hasn't happened for five years, you know, but it still keeps coming up. It's gotten better on the last two albums. It really has. We sort of realized that all you had to do is put out a third record, and people took you a little more seriously."

Following in the footsteps of his namesake, artist Andy Warhol, the band is developing a Portland version of Warhol's once famous New York artistic hub, "The Factory." The goal of the group's "Odditorium" is to provide a creative haven where artists can work on projects.

"The building is going to be sort of our version of 'The Factory,'" says Holmstrom. "It's not a studio yet. But it will be. ... We shot our video there. And we've done photo shoots. There's a kitchen and a lounge. And we run our Web site out of there. And if we get everything we want, we'll be able to take in bands, bring them in and do the records, shoot their videos and everything."

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haven't, all the inside jokes, visual style, and wink—nudges from Taratino will look like so much high—end B—movie slosh saved — if action sequences do that for you — by a marathon swordfight that manages to top the over—the—top brawls in the Matrix series. It's worth a very qualified four stars — cut one if anime or old school Hong Kong martial arts movies turn you off, and add one if they turn you on.

And remember — leave the limbs you lost. They belong to me now.

Homecoming 2003

Each event is free with student I

Monday, Oct. 20
Homecoming Kick-Off Extravaganza
11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in front of the Student Union

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Lipsync and Homecoming Hunnies Contest
7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom

Wednesday, Oct. 22
Digital Caricaturist
10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby
IM Fun Run and Block Party
4 p.m. in the IM Building

Thursday, Oct. 23
"Too Hot to Handle" Bonfire
10 p.m. at the bottom of Greek Hill

Friday, Oct. 24
Parade Lineup at 4 p.m. at Prather Coliseum
Parade Kick-Off at 5 p.m. at Prather Coliseum
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and talk about past mistakes and how to correct them.

"Neil is like a second coach for me," Rollins said. "He helps hype up and teach the guys what they need for the game.".

By the time meetings are over and the team is dressed for football, it is time for the pre-game warm-up. Ponstein and his fellow Demons showed little emotion at this time. Most are focused on drill after drill and remain that way until they line up to stretch.

Ponstein lines up with the seniors near the forty-yard line to help lead the team in exercises. The large crowd of Demons go wild as they swarm together at the end of the exercises. One Demon described it as a time to psyche out the other team.

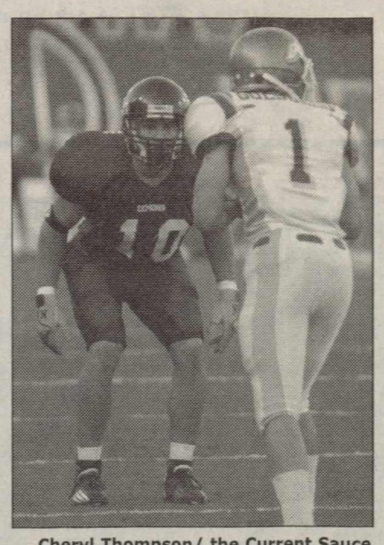
Pre-game is over and now it's game time. The Demons head to the locker room for their official introduction and run onto the field. The fire in their eyes becomes more visible as Neil and his teammates continued their chants at the entrance of the locker room.

As the purple smoke forms in the air over the end zone, the announcer begins to scream, the band begins to blast the Demon fight song and the Demons rush onto the field.

"It's really exiting," Ponstein said. "You're focused on the game and ready to go."

Though they were excited at the beginning of last Saturday's game, none including Ponstein could have known how historic of a game they were about to be a part of.

The game against the Lions began as a normal game. The Demons fought for a few drives with average mistakes including



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
Ponstein gets set at the line of scrimmage to cover Scott Goldberg of SLU.

a critical missed tackle by Ponstein.

"You've got to have a short memory out there," Ponstein said. "If you think about it, it could effect you on another play. You just have to forget about it and make up for it the rest of the game."

Ponstein later proved his words of wisdom to be true as he and the rest of the defense repeatedly pounded the Lions offense. His fumble recovery helped to create just one of the many turnovers in the game.

By the half, the defense fought so hard they held the Lions to an amazing score of 45-15 and scored 14 of those points. Needless to say, the Demons were pumped and ready for more.

During halftime, Ponstein and the rest of the team sat for a well-deserved rest. Accounts of the great plays that had mounted up were told in loud, ecstatic voices. Words of encouragement were not needed from head coach Scott Stoker. Neil and the team only needed his quick slap on the shoulder to be ready to play another half of record-breaking football.

The second half of the game was just as crazy and amazing as the first. Neil and the defense hit hard and took the ball away from the Lions play after play, and by the middle of the third quarter, the first string was resting on the sidelines.

"Any time the defense and I can be on the sidelines with this much time left in the game it feels pretty good and shows we did our job pretty well,"

Ponstein talked with friends for the rest of the game as he watched his team run up the score to an 87-27 final, a score that earned a place in the record books.

The historic game landed the 2003 Demons into the NSU and Southland Conference record books with the single game scoring record.

Ponstein's shock was obvious at the end of the game.

"This feels great," Ponstein said. "If you would have told me before today's game that I would ever see a score this high, I would have told you you were crazy."

His team now in the record books, Ponstein is already focusing on the next challenge: conference play.

"I know this has made us a better team," Ponstein said. "We are going to be more than fired up to start conference next week, but anything can happen during conference."

With and the Demon's focus unwavering Ponstein's help, one can only imagine what is in store for he and his fellow Demons.

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Davis. The two point conversion failed, ending the first quarter scoring at 14-12.

The Demons would go on to score 31 points in the next 15 minutes to begin the rout. The offensive scores in the period included a four-yard run by Shelton Sampson and an electrifying 82-yard, stop-and-go scamper by Johnese. The defense also tacked on a couple of touchdowns before the half. Defensive end Ed Queen intercepted a pass and rumbled 44 yards for the score after Gary Wesley delivered a huge hit on Hankins, forcing the errant throw. David Pittman would later score his first touchdown of the game on another interception return for 69 yards.

The Demons opened the second half of play with a 65-yard drive, capped by a one-yard run from Sampson. The Demons opened the lead to a 44-point margin later in the quarter when Pittman added his second score of the evening after the blocked field goal. A little over a minute later, NSU added another score. With just over two-and-a-half minutes left in the third quarter, the Demons broke the 45-year-old record for most points in a game when third team tailback Greg Skidmore ran to score a 15-yard touchdown. Skidmore, a freshman, finished the night with a career best 98 yards in 14 carries. The third quarter came to a close with the Demons leading 66-15, and the majority of the fans long gone, but the scoring was far from over.

With 10:18 left to play, reserve defensive back Bruce Woods intercepted a pass and scored easily from 8 yards out. Demon fullback Titus May scored on a bruising 7-yard run before Woods, a walk on freshman, added his second interception and touchdown return of the night, this one covering 33 yards, to end Northwestern State's scoring for the night. The Lions added a couple of inconsequential touchdown passes late in the game to make the final score 87-27.

Ryan Lewis played all but one series against SLU after a stellar performance last week and finished six of 13 with 78 yards and a touchdown through the air. Johnese led the Demons' ground attack with 145 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries while Sampson contributed with 102 yards and another pair of touchdowns on 14 carries. It marks the second consecutive week that both tailbacks have surpassed the 100-yard mark.

Despite being repeatedly hammered and intercepted five times by the hard-charging Demon defense, freshman quarterback Martin Hankins showed some potential and a lot of heart in the losing effort. He finished the night 21-48 with 199 yards passing and three touchdowns. Hankins was actually taken out of the game until NSU's first team defense was pulled. The Demon defense accumulated only four sacks on the game, but was able to get to the SLU passers 25 times, including 17 bone-crunching hits on Hankins.

Southland Conference play opens this weekend for the 5-2 Demons as they travel to Texas State University to take on the 3-4 Bobcats.

Cubs' fan that caught the foul ball is now a marked man

By James Janega and Brett McNeil
Chicago Tribune

By all indications, nobody at Wrigley Field during Game 6 of the playoffs was rooting harder for the Cubs than Steven Bartman.

On Tuesday night, natural physical instinct took over. Seated in the front row of the left field stands, Bartman reached out to snag a Marlins foul ball as Cubs left fielder Moises Alou closed in for a catch. When Bartman knocked the ball away, Alou banged his glove and pointed toward the bewildered-looking fan.

And with that reflexive act, Bartman's life-and perhaps the fortunes of the Chicago Cubs franchise-were forever altered.

After the foul ball that might have been the second out in the eighth inning, the Marlins went on to score eight runs and force a seventh and deciding game.

The Billy Goat curse had struck again. And this Goat arrived in the least suspecting of all forms-an unassuming, bespectacled Everyman who simply wanted to catch a foul ball hit almost right to him.

Moments after the play, thousands of fans at Wrigley chanted a profane insult at Bartman. In the grandstand sections near Bartman, angry fans pointed at him, shouted curses and hurled cups of beer and bags of peanuts.

As security guards struggled to impose order, the din around Bartman grew louder and meaner. Many in the stands shouted they wanted Bartman dead, and one later shouted "Lynch him!"

In the bottom of the 8th inning, Cubs' officials opted to remove Bartman for his own safety. Escorted by off-duty Chicago police officers, Bartman covered his face as he was led to the security office amid a chorus of jeers and insults and thrown objects. A few minutes later, guards let him go and he left, unrecognized, through the stadium's front gate.

By Wednesday morning, Bartman was the subject of intense ridicule across the country, on Internet sites, on national television, on talk radio, on the lips of Cubs faithful far and wide. Even Illinois Goy. Rod Blagojevich, a lifelong Cubs fan, piled on, calling Bartman's attempt to catch the ball "stupid."

Television crews swarmed the Northbrook home where Bartman lived with his parents and police were called to keep order. At Wrigley Field on Wednesday night, one fan carried a placard chastising Bartman as the "Goat Boy." Another fan carried a sign saying "America's Most Wanted" above his photo.

Emails of an Internet posting featuring Bartman swirled. Satirizing a credit card commercial, it showed a photo of a headphone-wearing Bartman sitting by himself in the stands after the controversial foul ball. Over the picture, it read: "Cubs hat: $15. Headphones: $45. Front Row Seats: $200. Costing Your Team Game #6: Priceless."

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Next week's games (home games in **bold**):

— FOOTBALL —
10/18 vs. TXST – 6 p.m.
— VOLLEYBALL —
10/21 vs. LTSU – 7 p.m.
— SOCCER —
10/17 vs.TXST – 4:30 p.m.
10/19 vs. SHSU –2 p.m.

SPORTS



Patrick West
The Way I See It

A wacky weekend

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What a crazy Saturday in MLB and NCAA football this past weekend—NSU scores 87 against SLU, six teams ranked in the top 25 lose and Pedro Martinez throws Don Zimmerman to the ground at Fenway Park.

NSU rolled this weekend like Zimmerman at Fenway. The Demons could not help but run the score up as Hal Mumme, SLU"s head coach, just kept throwing the ball while NSU picked it off almost every time. Maybe Coach Stoker could put in the back up guys sooner, but still it was exciting watching the Demons finish with 87 points.

It was good to see backup senior defensive lineman Thomas Scott and Stephon Bostick get to play. The Demons were winning by a lot, but how come the backup guys go in with five minutes left in the fourth quarter?

Plus, Scott led the team in QB hurries and was a strong defensive force in 2001, so why is he not starting but a freshman is?

In the college ranks, the bowl championship series picture got clearer this past weekend with Oklahoma dismantling Texas and Miami beating Florida State.

Now the road to the national championship might be decided on two games on Nov. 1. Miami travels to face the undefeated Virginia Tech Hokies and the Sooners face No. 24 ranked Oklahoma State, who has beaten them the past two seasons. If Miami and Oklahoma win, then they will face off in the national title game in the Sugar Bowl.

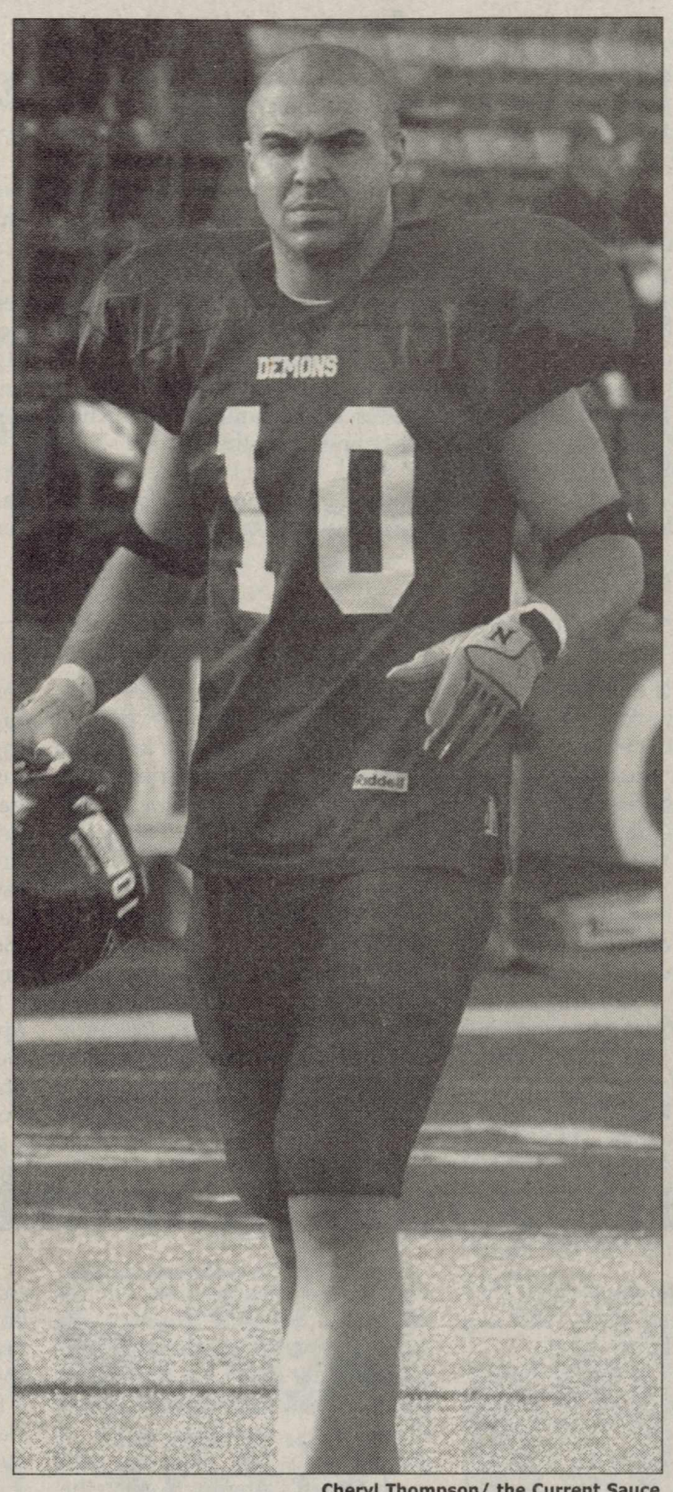
I like the crazy scenario where Miami, Oklahoma and Virginia Tech lose leaving only two undefeated teams: Northern Illinois and TCU. Nobody gives these two teams credit even though the Huskies have beaten teams from the Big 12, ACC and SEC, which are all in the BCS. The MAC conference has two other teams, Marshall and Toledo, that have also beaten ranked teams in the top 25 rankings.

The BCS committee is deciding now what to do to include mid-major schools or the conferences left out of the BCS cash crop bowl games.

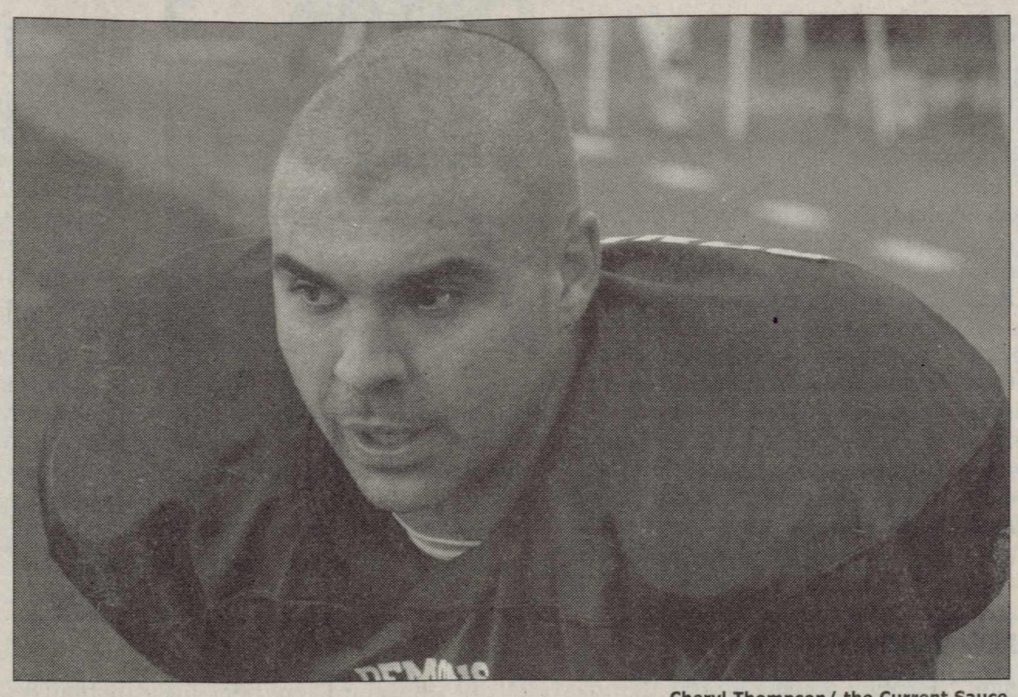
These conferences are the Conference USA, Mountain West, Mountain Athletic Conference, Sun Belt and the West Athletic Conference. The BCS committee looks to either vote for another BCS bowl for these conferences or might have a game after the BCS bowl games.

The BCS committee is meeting this week to come up with a plan for the BCS to fit in these mid-major conferences. Which is only fair. Why are these conferences left out?

Watch the Demons on TV this Saturday; because you never know what will happen.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
Ponstein gets ready for Saturday's game against Southeastern.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
Senior safety Neil Ponstein takes a breather after stopping the Southeastern Lions on an offensive series Saturday night. The hard-hitting safety takes a knee to conserve energy for the next defensive series.

A day in the life of a Demon player

By Joshua Barrios
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As many of the Demon fans piled into Turpin Stadium on Saturday to watch the Demons pound away at the Southeastern Lions, did any of the Demon fanatics stop to wonder what it must be like to be a Demon?

Most of students and faculty probably did not, but there are quite a few players on the field who would tell if they were asked.

Senior defensive back Neil Ponstein is one among the crowd that lives this Demon life every Saturday.

Neil and the Demons begin their Saturdays as almost anyone else would, with a midmorning wake up and an afternoon trip to campus for lunch. Well, maybe it's not like everyone's Saturday.

The Demons gather in Iberville Dining Hall for their game day lunch. This is where the game's hype begins. Players talk about previous games, personal stories and what the other teams said about them this week. The game's fire is sparked by food and game day threats.

Lunch is quickly followed by the weekly team meetings where Neil listens to every word from Defensive Backs Coach Jason Rollins. Neil and the rest of the team watch hours of practice film

■ See **Ponstein**, page 7

Demons break records with win

Demons shatter school and conference records in consecutive weeks after dominating Southeastern 87-27.

By Brent Holloway
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For the second straight week the 2003 Northwestern State football team put their mark on the record books as they overcame some sloppy play early and almost 200 yards in penalties to destroy the Southeastern Louisiana Lions, 87-27. Numerous records fell in the game including the record for most points, most combined points (114) and most touchdowns in a game (12).

Even in an offensive explosion like this, the NSU defense was the catalyst. Leading 45-15 at halftime, the game was hardly in doubt after the first quarter. The nationally ranked No. 1 Purple Swarm defense picked off six passes and returned four of those for touchdowns. The Demon defense added yet another score when safety Eric Louis blocked a field goal attempt then threw the ball laterally to teammate David Pittman for a 62-yard touchdown.

The Demon offense did their share of the damage as well. NSU scored twice in the first quarter, but those points were sandwiched by a pair of SLU touchdowns. SLU got on the board first on a three-yard touchdown pass from Martin Hankins to Dane Wobbema. It was the last time the Lions would lead, as the Demons answered quickly, marching 79 yards on their next drive and scoring on a 25-yard run by Derrick Johnese.

After Jerry Goldsmith intercepted the next Hankins pass, NSU found themselves right back in the end zone on the next play as Ryan Lewis connected with Derrick Doyle on a 40-yard play-action pass. The score put the Demons up 14-6, but on the ensuing kickoff the Lions cut into that lead with a 97-yard return from Keylam

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Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
Junior tailback Derrick Johnese looks for an opening to gain some positive yardage at Turpin Stadium Saturday night. Johnese ran for 145 yards on 15 carries and a pair of touchdowns against the Lions.



PITTMAN



JOHNESE

Players of the week

Southland Conference

- Sophomore cornerback David Pittman had two defensive touchdowns against SLU. Pittman had a 69-yard interception return and a 62-yard TD run after a blocked field goal. The field goal return netted him SLC Special Teams Player of the Week.
- Junior tailback Derrick Johnese ran for 145 yards on 15 carries. Johnese had two touchdowns including a stop and go 82-yard run, and a 25-yard scamper.

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Volleyball wins consecutive home games

Courtesy Sports Information

NSU vs. ULM

Northwestern State continued their recent surge of dominating play as the Lady Demons rolled past Louisiana-Monroe 3-0 in Southland Conference volleyball action here Tuesday night.

That surge began after the Lady Demons rallied for a 3-2 win after being down 0-2 against Southeastern Louisiana last Saturday.

"We set some goals after that win (SLU)," said head coach Leigh Mullins. "Our first goal was to come out and beat (UL) Monroe in three straight."

Goal accomplished.

NSU won quickly in the first game by a 30-13 count. ULM helped out with seven service aces in the game. The Lady Demons struggled early in the second but was able to regroup and take the game by a 30-23 score.

Game three was all Lady Demons as they won by a 30-18 count and improving their record to 10-11 overall. NSU evened their SLC record to 5-5 – the first time in school history that a Lady Demon team has been .500 in league play this far into the season.

Offensively, NSU shared the ball well with every player except one knocking down a kill. Becky David led the team with 10 while Beth Freeland powered her way to a .500 hitting game.

As a team, the Lady Demons hit .282 on the night with 50 kills on 117 attempts. Louisiana-Monroe (4-18, 0-10) was held to .097 hitting with 32 kills on 103 attempts.

NSU vs. SLU
By Jennifer Robbins
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Bump, set, finally a spike to win the fifth game against Southeastern this past Saturday at Prather Coliseum improving the Lady Demon volleyball team to 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the Southland Conference play.

The last two games against Stephen F. Austin and Nicholls slipped away from the Demons in the fifth game. SLU was up two games on NSU, but after half time, the Lady Demons came out ready to battle.

Head coach Leigh Mullins said, "I coach Monday through Thursday, and Friday and Saturday is up to them."

The Lady Demons had been up in the games before, but they let the other team steal the victory from the Demons.

"The biggest thing is we came from behind," Mullins said.

However, on Saturday the thief was NSU who dealt with adversity and hustled to get the win. Priscila Augusto led with 27 kills, one of which was the game winner, followed by Becky David with 14 kills, Beth Freeland and Flavia Belo both with 11, and 10 kills from Evelyn Getzen and Vanessa Williams.

In addition, Belo had her first career triple-double, with 11 kills, 64 assists and 11 digs. She also led the team in hitting with a .647 percentage. Belo's performance in the past three games earned her SLC offensive player of the week.

NSU takes on the University of Louisiana at Monroe on Tuesday, which is 0-9 in conference play with the Lady Demons winning the first match up between the two teams. Then, they are back on the road first against Stephen F. Austin on Friday, and then challenging Texas-Arlington on Saturday.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (6-8, 4-3
Home Game

Oct. 12, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
SFA (10-3-1, 6-1)

NSU 0-**SFA 1**

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	0	0	0
SFA	0	1	1

Oct. 10, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
McNeese (4-6-2)

NSU 1-MSU 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	OT	Final
NSU	0	0	1	**1**
MSU	0	0	0	0

Key Player:
Stephanie Miller
Game winning goal
sophomore midfielder

NSU Volleyball (10-11,5-
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Key Player:
Flavia Belo
triple-double, SLC offe
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Sophomore setter

Oct. 14, 2003
Northwestern State vs
ULM (4-8, 0-10)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	- **3**
ULM	13	23	18	- 0

Oct. 11, 2003
Northwestern State vs
SLU (9-9, 3-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	26	28	30	30	15	-
SLU	30	30	18	20	9	-

Northwestern State vs.
NSU (7-11, 5-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Sco
NSU	30	30	30	29	13	-
NSU	19	32	22	31	15	-

Northwestern State vs.
SFA (10-11, 6-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	20	28	24	- 2
SFA	30	30	30	- **3**

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

BASEBALL

Meet & greet NSU basketball teams on Sat.

The annual "Free Pancake Meet and Great NSU Basketball Breakfast" at Prather Coliseum from 9-11 Saturday morning to kick off the start of preseason practices for the Northwestern State hoops teams, with the public invited to attend.

The Lady Demons launch their 17th season under coach James Smith with practice from 8-10 a.m. and will eat breakfast with supporters at the coliseum following the workout. The Demons, starting their fifth year under coach Mike McConathy, will enjoy pancakes with fans at 9 a.m. and will practice from 10-noon.

The practices, as well as the pancake breakfast, are open to fans at no charge.

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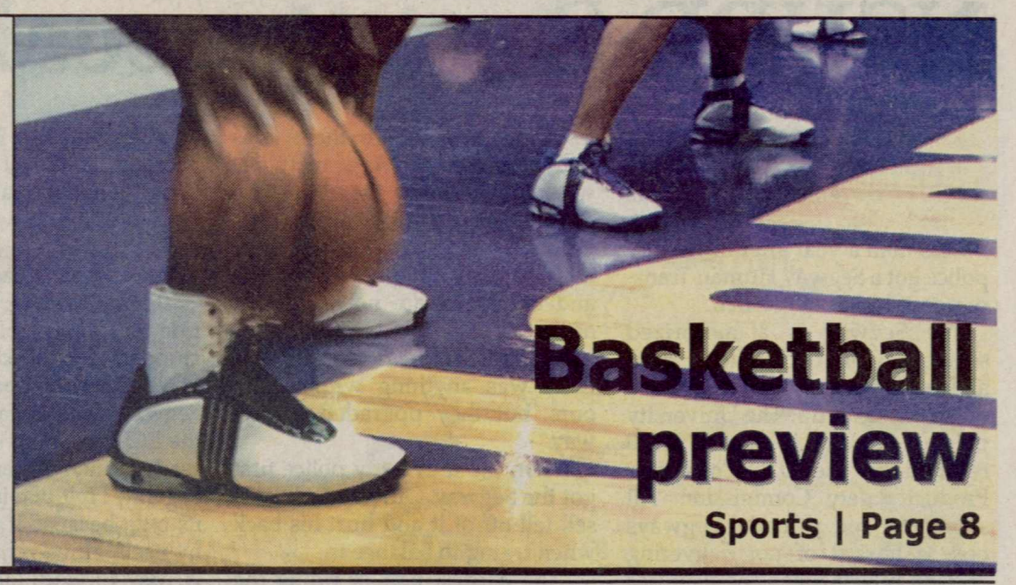
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NEWS

Caddo schools' COO up for VP of University Affairs

The Shreveport Times reported that John Dilworth, an NSU bachelor's and master's graduate and current Chief Operating Officer for Caddo Parish schools, is the University's pick for Vice President of University Affairs.

Dilworth must be approved by the state Board of Regents, which met yesterday and meets today. If approved, Dilworth would oversee the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the University's buildings and infrastructure.

The University accepted applications from throughout the country, *The Times* reported.

Shreveport Times

DIVERSIONS

Scholarship named after former theater coordinator Wann

The Jack Wann scholarship was created in honor of Jack Wann, former head of the theater department, for his 15 years of service to NSU.

Wann also received an Emeritus Professor Award. This is an honorary title given by the University to its outstanding professors.

Full story on **page 6**



Yell Leaders clean community

The NSU Yell Leaders participated in a community cleanup this week as part of NSU's Homecoming celebration and National Make a Difference Day. The Yell Leaders removed litter from La. Highway 6, beginning at the new welcome sign and heading toward Interstate 49.

City of Natchitoches

Singer-songwriter Elliot Smith dead of apparent suicide

Smith, 34, died at his home in Los Angeles of an apparently self-inflicted knife wound to the chest. He had been nominated in 1998 for an Best Song Academy Award for "Miss Misery," part of the "Good Will Hunting" soundtrack, and was a popular staple on college radio stations.

Wire Stories

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Florida evens World Series with 12th inning homer

Florida shortstop Alex Gonzalez's solo shot saves blown lead, makes series 2-2.

What's Next Week?

Board of Regents meeting

and the University's efforts to hire a new Vice President of University Affairs

One Card makes quiet debut



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Vending machines in Kyser Hall, with copy machines in Watson Library and some on-campus washing machines, have started accepting Speed Demon accounts on student ID cards.

By Jennifer Dowden
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Some vending machines and dorm laundry facilities have been upgraded with the Speed Demon Card system this semester.

The Speed Demon Card is the same as the student identification card. The new system works as a debit card and allows money left in the account to carry over from semester to semester.

SGA Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam said, "It will allow students to use money on things other than the cafeteria."

Students that require a meal plan will still receive one, and the meal plan funds will not carry over, said Kristy Vienne, One Card operations coordinator.

With the debit system, students can add money to the card at their convenience. There are two Card System Value Terminal reloading machines located in the Student Union and Watson Library, according to www.nsula.edu/onecard.

"Library use is up because people don't know about the one in the Student Union," said Lanetta Green, criminal justice major and library student worker.

Soon, the Speed Demon Card will be added to photocopying and drink machines. ARAMARK and the University Bookstore may accept the Speed Demon Card also. Student support is the main key. The more support generated for the system the easier it will be to get businesses

■ See **One Card**, page 2

SGA issues organizational grants

By Elaine Broussard
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In a 30 minute meeting Monday, the SGA senate approved two pieces of legislation and a presidential appointment with little discussion.

The first piece of legislation approved was a resolution that the University repair broken concrete near the north entrance of the Student Union. The senate unanimously approved the suggestion.

The SGA also unanimously approved an amendment to the SGA by-laws that will now allow the Organizational Grants Committee to meet quorum, or the number of voting members that must be present at a meeting in order to do business, with five out of seven members. Previously, all seven members had to be present to meet quorum.

Also, Casey Ponders was appointed to the SGA senate by a unanimous vote. Ponders formerly served on the SGA supreme court, but resigned from the supreme court to serve on the senate.

At the meeting, the SGA supreme court announced that Sharmyn Little was re-elected as chief justice of the supreme court.

Representing the Organizational Grants Committee, senator Dustin Floyd announced that two organizations were approved to receive grants from the SGA.

Floyd said that Zeta Phi Beta will receive funds to organize a campaign against domestic violence, and the Public Relations Student Society of America will receive funds to organize a campaign about student parking, promoting the campus shuttle service and encouraging students to walk to class instead of driving.

A bill proposing new consequences for senators who are absent or leave meetings early was withdrawn by the bill's sponsor, senator Alan Sypert. Sypert said that he wants to make changes to the bill, and he plans to bring it back before the senate soon.

SGA president Greg Comeaux said that a bill proposing to combine the duties of the SGA secretary and SGA treasurer into one position died in the Internal Affairs Committee because of incorrect research.

The original bill states that the SGA secretary receives a student worker paycheck for 35 hours per month out of the SGA budget. However, the student worker paycheck does not come from the SGA budget. It comes out of the Student Union office budget.

Three new resolutions will be voted on at the next SGA meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

The first is a resolution stating that that views of Ralph Nader, who was invited by the SGA to lecture at NSU on Nov. 6, do not necessarily reflect the views of the SGA.

Another resolution states that the fountain at the main entrance of campus is not kept clean and that the University should have this fountain cleaned at least once a month.

According to the third resolution, the five pedestal tables on Normal Hill are cracked and hazardous to students. The resolution states that the University should replace these tables.

Group teaches chemistry with tie dye

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NSU's rejuvenated chapter of the American Chemical Society taught sixth graders at the NSU Middle Lab School how to tie dye t-shirts Tuesday.

"We're just interacting with the kids, and helping them. We're making sure they've got the basic gist of what's going on," said Lindsey Hicks, a senior health and exercise science and nursing major.

The society students taught three of Ms. Sheild's sixth grade classes about tie-dying and its chemical reactions. "That's the educational part," Hicks said.

One sixth grader said, "It was fun because we got to skip class, and it was something fun to do because we learned to dye shirts."

Ashley Dunham, a junior chemistry major and president of the society, said, "It's kind of like an outreach program to help get younger students interested in chemistry because it's not taught that much in middle school."

Another sixth grader said, "It was cool." It did not spark his interest in chemistry as a future career, though. "I either want to be in the Army or

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Photo courtesy Edward L. Boudreaux III
A member of the American Chemical Society helps students at the NSU Middle Lab school tie dye t-shirts Tuesday.

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NSUPD Segway recalled

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Less than a year after university police got a Segway Human Transporter, it has been recalled.

The Segway is a motorized scooter with two wheels that allows its rider to face forward while standing up. The University police's Segway is one of 6,000 recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. All series i, e and p model Segways pose a hazard of not delivering enough power when the batteries are low, causing riders to fall.

Rickie Williams, university police chief, said, "We never had that happen to us and we'd run ours all the way down. And it will tell you to get off of it. Ours was working like it should."

Med Express, the Segway dealer in Alexandria where theirs was bought, picked the Segway up last week to perform the necessary upgrades on the software. Williams said Med Express kept their Segway for only two days, and the police are now riding it again.

Williams said, "I don't think there was anything wrong with ours, but they upgraded it anyway."

When the university police first got the Segway, Officer Mark Russell fell off of it and hurt his back when trying to balance it.

"The hardest part of riding the thing is getting on it," Williams said. "It balances itself. It's got five gyroscopes in it and when you get on it, you've got a natural tendency to try to balance. Whatever you do, it's going to fight you because it's already balanced and it knows that."

Williams said Russell fell off because he didn't listen to him. "That's another reason he got hurt. He wouldn't do what I told him to."

But that hasn't stopped Williams from letting students ride the Segway. He's let about 50 students ride it and he even let me give it a try. Before I got on the Segway, a smiley face appeared on the LCD screen to show me it was ready. When I started riding the Segway, I felt like it had a mind of its own because it could stand up by itself. However, it's surprisingly easy to work. To turn the Segway, there was a knob on the left handlebar. When I stood still and turned the knob, the Segway spinned around in circles. Then all I had to do was lean forward to go forward and lean back to go backward. The Segway did the rest of the work.

NSU Police Blotter

10-15-03
11:03 p.m.
Suspicious students were speeding around on golf carts in front of the student union. An officer was sent over to question them. The students said they were just taking a "joy ride" because the keys were left in the golf cart.

11:58 p.m.
A student called with a complaint that there was blood in the stairwell of Bossier Hall. Red River Sanitors were called to check it out. There were a few dry drops, possibly the result of a nose bleed.

10-17-03
3:22 a.m.
A caller from the front desk of Sabine reported that there was a woman outside whose boyfriend was harassing her and would not let her enter the dorm.

Elizabeth Bolt

Creole conference in New Orleans

NSU-Tulane joint venture scheduled to be in Natchitoches next year

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The Creole Studies Conference will take place on Oct. 23-25 at the Radisson in New Orleans.

The conference is co-hosted by NSU and Tulane University of New Orleans.

The conference will have exhibits on subjects such as Creole genealogy, family photos, and documents including birth records.

NSU's Creole Heritage Center will have an exhibit featuring pictures, flyers, history of past events, t-shirts and lapel pins.

There will be about 60 presenters from all over the world. Musical Performances will be given by the blues performer Al "Lil Fats" Jackson and Willis Prudhomme, a Zydeco musician.

The Creole People's Awards will also be presented at the conference.

These awards are presented to distinguished individuals in acknowledgment of their recognition and support of the Creole heritage and Louisiana's culture.

Some of the recipients include U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu and John Breaux and U.S. Representatives Jim McCrery, William Jefferson, and David Vitter.

On Oct. 8-9, 2004, NSU will host the conference on campus in conjunction with Tulane. The bulk of the activities will take place throughout the Student Union.

Many of the same activities can be expected at the 2004 conference.

University President Randall Webb said, "It certainly is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Creole people, their heritage, language, and culture."

Math software disappoints

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Some incoming freshmen feel that they can do without Math Lab 1021 and the computer software it provides.

The program being used for Math 1021, Phim2, is software developed by an independent company, Prentice Hall, to introduce students to intermediate algebra.

The goal of Math 1021 is to help students understand the material being presented in Math 1020. It is targeted at students who made a 17 or 18 in math on the ACT, and it gives these students a chance to enter Math 1020 instead of remedial math classes.

Slow logins, screen freezes, and lost assignments are just a few of the problems students found with the software.

"The program hasn't helped at all," said Renee Liberto, an incoming freshman taking the 1021 course. "If anything it has been doing the opposite in my understanding of math."

Most of the class agrees that none of the program's material applies to Math 1020 and the program is more stressful than beneficial to learning math.

Students have been finding it difficult to make the grades they need for the class when the program loses or deletes online tests from its memory, and the students are left with no choice but to take the online test again.

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> **Frank Seri**
> NSU math department hea

"It's a waste of time," says Christian Dugas, another student in 1021. "You sit there to use software that does nothing more than confuse you. The material is not having any influence on Math 1020, making many of the students think they have just wasted two hours of their time every week."

Many of the students are angry and don't wish to proceed any further into the program if it is going to affect their grades.

Members of the math faculty agree that more needs to be done for 1021.

"The material of the program is satisfying, but the performance of the program is a complete failure," said Frank Serio, head of NSU's math department. Serio said that the program's poor performance in the classroom was not expected. The had similar problems with a pr vious program, and hoped th Phim2 would be a resolutio Since then they have had pro lems with the program and ve little customer assistance fro the Prentice Hall Company.

"We will be getting rid of t software," Serio said. "It will replaced with a program th will be created by the math pr fessors here at the University The math department plans develop an onsite program that the material presente applies to the Math 1020 cours and so that if any problems ari teachers will be prepared to f them.

The program will come from mechanism called Practice Ru used for the space and scien leap program.

ONE CARD FROM PAGE 1

involved, Vienne said.

"The One Card helps because the library has no change," said biology major Tenecia McGraw. "Plus, it saves money. The copy card costs two dollars and you have to put five dollars on it."

The Speed Demon Card may become the only student identification card and the University may discontinue the use of semester stickers. There is no activation fee and the Speed Demon office may soon provide monthly statements.

"There is a positive turnout," Vienne said. "Students everyday are signing up for the program."

For more information on the Speed Demon Card call 357-5131, or visit Student Union 102.

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a shrimp boat captain," he said.

"It's a broad field," Dunham said, "but it's not that popular."

In addition to teaching the students how to dye t-shirts, NSU students explained the concept of moles to the sixth graders. Edward L. Boudreaux III, a senior history and scientific inquiry major, explained the measurement method to the students because National Mole Day is Thursday.

Boudreaux said that a mole is a way to measure the number of molecules that are involved in chemical reactions. A mole of any substance is made up of 6.022 x 1023 molecules of that particular substance. To put this figure into perspective, Boudreaux said that if each molecule in a mole was the size of a grain of beach said, there would be enough grains of sand to cover the entire state of California. That sand would be ten stories tall. The sizes of the water molecules, however, are considerably smaller than grains of sand, and a mole of water is only 18 milliliters—about a mouthful.

Gillian Rudd, the society's advisor, said the group is pla ning to do the same kind of acti ity with sixth and eighth gra classes in Provencal next week.

"This is the first time we doing it," Rudd said about Tue day's learning activity, "becau we've not been affiliated."

The society at NSU has not h more than six members in rece semesters, and it is required th a school have six members to affiliated with the national soci ty. Rudd said that at least 10 st dents have signed up for the so ety this semester, and that mea they can be more active.

Next week the society will ha a fundraiser to finish off Tue day's leftover dye. On Oct. 29- from 1-5 p.m. anyone can bri $1, their own gloves and a pie of clothing no larger than a t-sh to have dyed. The society had fundraising car wash last wee end and is planning a raffle for DVD player.

The money the society rais from these fundraisers allo them to carry out the kind of ou reach activities that they had the NSU Middle Lab School at charge to the children.

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Business Professionals of America (BPA)
Business Professionals of America (BPA) will hold its next meeting on Wednesday at noon in Russell 213. Dion Boyett, director of the #1SBDC, will be the guest speaker. There will be another drawing for those who wear their shirts to the meeting. Those interested in becoming members, contact Eric Dexter at 357-1226 or by e-mail at dexterterrestrial@msn.com.

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Soaring college tuition prompts political response

By Robert Dodge
The Dallas Morning News
(KRT)

WASHINGTON — The cost of a college education, which has risen steadily for a decade, soared for the 2003-04 school year. And now, it is becoming a political issue.

A new report issued Tuesday showed that average tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose 14 percent, to $4,694. Similarly, costs at two-year public schools rose 13.8 percent, to $1,095.

And at private universities, where costs run higher, prices rose 6 percent, to $19,710.

The College Board, an association of colleges and universities that issued the report, blamed the economy and a shortfall of federal and state revenues. The group said many students have been protected from tuition hikes by the growing availability of financial aid.

Even so, the latest figures took on a political charge as Republicans accused colleges and universities of wasting taxpayer funds on lavish campus facilities. Among those cited were large hot tubs, sunbathing decks and massage facilities, as well as a rock-climbing wall at a recreation center at the University of Houston.

Elwyn Lee, vice president for student affairs at the University of Houston, objected to his school's 264,000-square-foot, $53 million recreation center being used as an example of college largesse. He said the facility was built at student request and is being financed with a $75-a-semester fee.

"There are no massage parlors. There are no pedicure places in our facility," Lee said. "Some people are speaking and letting their enthusiasm get away from them."

But Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said colleges and universities have not been held accountable for such spending.

"Hyperinflation in college costs has been pummeling parents and students for more than a decade, and the problem has not been a lack of spending by states or the federal government," he said. "The bigger issue is whether institutions are accountable enough to parents, students and taxpayers, and clearly they are not."

College Board officials said schools have taken steps to tighten their belts as the recession shrunk tax revenues. While they were reluctant to forecast future trends, they noted that college tuition and fees also had escalated during earlier recessions.

"It is a problem, (but) it is not an unprecedented problem," said Sandy Baum, an economics professor at Skidmore College, who wrote the board's annual "Trends in College Pricing."

In blaming the trend on tax revenue shortfalls, university officials tapped into Republican angst about being accused of under-funding public education in advance of next year's presidential election. Democrats used the report to accuse Republicans of draining education coffers to pay for President Bush's tax cuts.

"Republican tax and budget cuts have hurt students by forcing states to raise tuition," said Rep. George Miller of California, the ranking Democrat on the House education committee.

Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board, warned against initiatives that would limit the ability of institutions to freely set tuition and fees. But Boehner has praised a bill introduced by Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., that would allow the federal government to cut off federal subsidies to institutions that repeatedly impose "exorbitant" tuition increases.

Daniel Langan, an Education Department spokesman, said the Bush administration would take a serious look at McKeon's proposal. And he accused critics of using "inflammatory rhetoric," noting the administration's 2004 budget would boost funds for grants, loans and work-study opportunities by $2.8 billion.

The College Board report showed that during the last decade, tuition and fees rose 47 percent on an inflation-adjusted basis at four-year public universities and 22 percent at two-year public schools. Cost at private universities rose 42 percent.

Despite the increases, college officials said they are struggling.

"All of us need to focus on the mounting and troubling hardships of financing an education," said Caperton, who is a former Democratic governor of West Virginia.

David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, said reduced earnings on endowments and fewer financial gifts by alumni and corporations also contributed to funding shortages.

"We are in the middle of a very difficult period in financing higher education," he said.

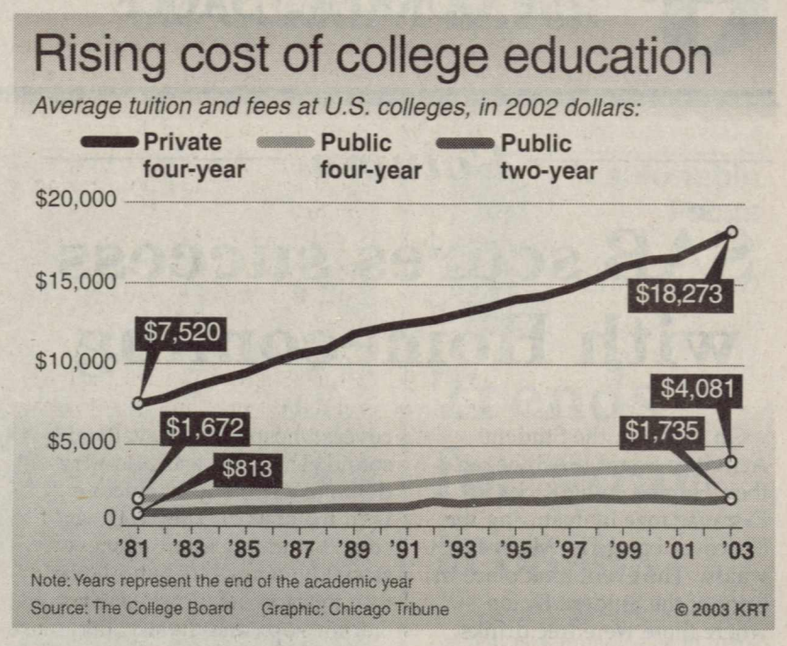
College Board officials said that a dip in room and board costs at both public and private schools helped moderate the tuition hikes.

They also said the effects of tuition and fee hikes were less burdensome on student pocketbooks because almost 60 percent of undergraduates receive financial aid. They said financial aid has been rising to further soften the blow.

Statistics for student aid are a year behind tuition and fees.

During the 2002-03 school year, total financial aid rose to $105 billion, up 14.5 percent over the previous year. And during the past decade, financial aid rose 203 percent, up from $34 billion in the 1992-93 academic year.

College Board officials said that financial aid left the "average student" well positioned to absorb increased costs. But they acknowledged that 40 percent of students receive no aid and have to shoulder the additional expense.



Bush speaks of tolerance in country with largest Muslim population

By G. Robert Hillman
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BALI, Indonesia — President Bush, pressing his message of tolerance and democratic values, sought on Wednesday to dispel what he said was a deep-seeded perception in the Muslim world that "Americans believe that Muslims are terrorists."

In a meeting with three moderate Muslim religious leaders, a Hindu cleric and a Christian religious leader on this island, rocked a year ago by a deadly terrorist bombing, Bush said he had made "very clear that I don't feel that way and Americans don't feel that way."

"Americans know that these terrorists are hiding behind Islam in order to create fear and chaos and death," he said.

The president's conference with the religious leaders — a private session of about 30 minutes — came near the end of a weeklong swing through the Pacific. And it came, pointedly, in the country with the world's largest Muslim population.

Bush discussed the meeting with reporters traveling with him on Air Force One, just after taking off for Canberra, Australia, his last foreign stop of the trip.

Back in Bali, the Muslim religious leaders suggested their meeting with the president had gone a long way to improving very strained relations.

"I felt he was a quite warm person," Azyumardi Azra, a Muslim scholar at the State Islamic Institute in Jakarta, told The Associated Press. "He responded, and he listened."

Another of the leaders, Ahmed Hasyim Muzadi, chairman of the country's largest Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, with 40 million members, said that the session was only a beginning to better understandings and that U.S. policy in the Middle had the "potential to divide Southeast Asia."

"They did bring up the Middle East," Bush recalled, adding that he had explained his call for separate Palestinian state. But he warned that terrorist attacks in Israel and elsewhere in the region were standing in the way.

"There needs to be a concerted effort to fight off terrorists who are trying to prevent the establishment of a state," he said.

Some of the religious leaders said the U.S. foreign policy was "titled toward Israel," Bush said, responding, "Our policy is tilted toward peace."

On Iraq, another contentious issue for many Muslims, Bush said he told the religious leaders that the United States intended to "do our job" in securing and rebuilding the war-torn nation, then turn it back to the Iraqis as soon as they have written a constitution and held elections.

"I don't want to put words in their mouth," Bush said of the religious leaders, "but I think that relieved them to know that we have confidence in the Iraqi people's abilities to be a peaceful, free society."

Many Muslim leaders and others have been harshly critical of Bush and his policies, particularly the U.S.-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. After the meeting, Bush said he felt he had had a good opportunity to offer his views.

Some of the leaders had come with prepared remarks, he said, and he listened.

"I'm glad I did it," he said. "They were, I think, appreciative of the fact I took time to listen to them and dispel some notions.

"I reminded them," he added, "we've got a lot of Muslims living in the United States, and they make an important contribution to our country, and they're welcome in the United States.

"We're a pluralist, free society. People can worship the way they want to worship," he said. "And it works well in America."

Bush was in Bali for only about three hours because of ongoing terrorist threats. But the White House had been eager for him to proceed with the visit under tight security.

During the news conference, Bush praised the Indonesia president for her fight against terrorism and for the "good progress" in strengthening democracy. And he pledged not only more aid to fight terrorism but also more money to support education and new elections next year.

$700k grant helps community policing institute's growth

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The Gulf States Regional Community Policing Institute (GSRCPI) has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

This grant was one of 31 awarded regionally, and the NSU branch has received $700,000 to be divided among the programs.

GSRCPI has ongoing training, and the newest program will begin Wednesday. The class will focus on diversity issues and will be held all day in the President's Lounge in the Student Union. The diversity training is a tool for law enforcement officials. It educates them about cultures and cultural differences. Daphne Levenson, director of GSRCPI, says that one of the training sessions helps officials learn about "different eye contact patterns and different values of other cultures."

The Louisiana Community Policing Institute was formed six years ago in Shreveport at LSU-S and is now located at NSU.

When it was started, it was to be a three-year program to train law enforcement officers to better work in their communities. The LCPI was the only free training available to strengthen relationships between police and civilians. Since its conception, LCPI has changed locations and their name. GSRCPI is now located here at NSU. From their new location, GSRCPI services training programs in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

GSRCPI moved into their newly renovated building at NSU at the request of top University officials including Joe Morris of the criminal justice program within the school of social sciences. Together, they work with campus police training. The training focuses on ethics, integrity and advancing community policing.

Levenson said, "We're here to prevent crime. We're funded through the Department of Justice to prevent crime and build better relationships between communities and law enforcement."

The funding is requested annually, and next year GSRCPI will have to send in a plan on what training sessions they would like to offer. COPS will then award an amount based on merit. Levenson says they never have a problem spending their allocated money. There are always training sessions requested within the tri-state area.

For a list of training courses available for the 2003-2004 calendar visit their Web site at www.GSRCPI.org.

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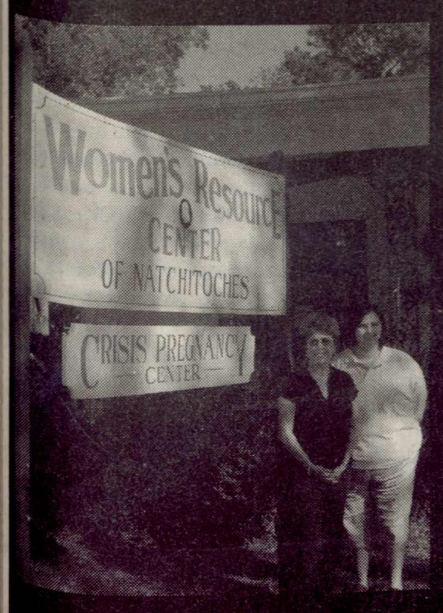
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Column

SAB scores success with Homecoming

On Monday, the Student Activities Board (SAB) began their Homecoming Kick-Off Extravaganza by featuring the 80s cover band The Molly Ringwalds. The event took place in front of the Student Union where there were free drinks and jambalaya with an NSU ID.

A few members of the Sauce staff decided to check out the festivities. Overall, we were pleased with the planning the SAB put into the day. Not only was there a great turnout of students, but there was also a diverse crowd that attended. We watched students sing along to the lyrics of the songs and dance as if no one were watching. People were having a good, clean, fun time.

One of the great things about Monday was that students actually stayed to listen to the concert instead of grabbing the free food and leaving. In the past, the SAB has had events that had a low turnout. However, Monday was something that needed to be done a long time ago.

The band played for two hours for $4,300, which is a fair price, in our opinion. The cost covered hospitality, travel and sound. The band was also very down to earth and interactive with the crowd. They welcomed students to come on stage and sing along and dance to songs such as "Push It" by Salt-n-Peppa and "Walk This Way" by Aerosmith.

Due to the success on Monday, the SAB will have a monthly concert. It was great to see something successful put on by the SAB and we encourage all organizations, especially the SAB to keep up the good work.

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Thomas Babington
Lord Macaulay

Letters to the Editor

Former SGA president responds to columns

I'd like to congratulate the Current Sauce's editorial staff on having an opinions page with opinion articles written by actual students in this week's paper rather than pulling articles from Knight-Ridder news service for the first time in several weeks. I would however like to encourage the editorial board to educate themselves a little bit further on the SGA handing out money to recognized club sports such as the crew and flight teams "on a whim". Both of these groups first were required to submit budgets and proposals for funding to both the club sports committee and the fiscal affairs committee before the full Senate has the opportunity to debate (at length, for quite a few minutes actually) and give their final approval.

Also I'd like to comment on Sports Editor Patrick West's "The Way I See It" column. I found it funny that he is critical of which defensive players Coach Stoker and his staff are choosing to start this year, particularly in light of the fact that the Demons defense is currently ranked third best in the nation in yards allowed. Opinions are good. Educated, informed, and well thought out opinions are better.

W. David Gunn
Graduate Student

SGA vice president responds to editorial

In response to Garret's portion of last week's editorial, I understand your points of concern. The reason for the lack of excessive debate over how much money we give to club sports is by design. The SGA now has guidelines to help distribute money in a more objective manner. The flight team has historically posed many procedural problems for our SGA. They were denied money last year because they did not provide us with enough time to go through the proper channels. The Senate also felt that they had not done enough fundraising. With the new objective guidelines in our by-laws, the flight team now knows that they need to raise at least thirty percent of the total amount requested. They must petition the SGA several weeks before the scheduled event.

The flight team last week was a good example of a club sport that fulfilled the objective criterion laid out in our constitution and accordingly received the money to go to their regional competition. I wish them the best of luck.

I assure you Garret, that the club sports committee and Fiscal Affairs examined the petition even before it went to the Senate floor. Now that the new Senators are getting familiar with student government here on campus, I am looking forward to hearing some serious debate on issues that impact students. Thank you for your editorial.

Scott Manguno
SGA Vice-President

Dustin Floyd responds to editorial

The Ole Fort Pub came alive to the acoustic stylings of the legendary HooDoo Papas as Oprah Day was celebrated this past week. College students danced alongside elderly swing dancers, as all were in celebration of Oprah and her contributions to mankind. Strangely, after a biting editorial concerning the subject, not one signer of last week's editorial chose to attend and cover the story.

Was I surprised? Surely not. Why would I expect any member of that crew to show journalistic integrity when they are, for the most part, ad salesmen, proof readers, and wanna-be quarterbacks? But remember this is just coming from a part-time bartender, so what do I know?

I was shocked as I read last weeks Current Sauce to found out that a group of 'journalists" (I use this term loosely) decided to use Oprah Day to pick the SGA Student Senate apart. They coupled what little they know about the SGA with half-truths and managed to fill a sizable portion of the editorial page. While I was glad that this was actually student journalism, rather than filler off the wire, that we have been subjected to most of the semester, I was disappointed in its lack of research and credibility.

I'll go ahead and admit it, I love student publications. I like the Current Sauce, most of its writers, and its management. I like NSU 22 and the Potpourri. I love to give interviews to any of the organizations because I think it makes me a better senator and maybe it makes their job a little easier. I am simply disappointed in the way that this group decided to go about this editorial.

I wish to challenge any of the authors who contributed to the piece to come to an SGA meeting. Learn what SGA does for the students. Come and see what kind of decisions we make in our department meetings and what it is like to serve on a university committee. Then, if you don't think we are doing it right, then you invest your time and effort and run for the Senate. I think you will find it more rewarding to actually give of yourself for the betterment of the student body, than to Monday morning quarterback what decisions the SGA makes.

In closing, I wish to first thank Katie Durio for covering Oprah Day fairly last week. She is an excellent student journalist who should be commended for a job well done. Next, I would like to thank all the members of the Current Sauce editorial staff who saw fit not to sign the editorial, for whatever reason. Lastly, thanks to Courtney and the Staff at the Ole Fort Pub and The HooDoo Papas for making Oprah Day a success.

Dustin G. Floyd
5 term SGA Senator
Former Senator of the Year
Part-Time Bartender

SGA senators respond to editorial

Dear friends,

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you the truth concerning the opinion printed by the signing members of the Current Sauce Editorial Board in the October 16, 2003, edition of our campus newspaper. I do not wish to have a protracted battle with the Sauce, as that accomplishes nothing for you, the students. However, I feel that you should be made aware of the truth.

First, I must clear up some of the inaccuracies in the column about SGA services. The Sauce submits that SLU offers fax services for a small fee, and that Nicholls has copy machines around campus. A look around STAT's web site (http://www.nsula.edu/student_labs/) reveals that there is not only a free color copier available to students, but a free fax service on the third floor of the Student Union as well. Who was it that set up STAT so that they could provide students with these services? That would be SGA.

Next, we should chat about Oprah Day. Yes, the SGA did establish October 18 as Oprah Day but as the opinion pointed out, it was just a nicety. Why is it hard to understand that the bill was nothing more than a nicety? The Senate didn't approve any activities or thongs. If a student, acting on his own, wishes to celebrate Oprah Day, then he has the right to do so. His actions do not reflect that of the SGA, just as this letter doesn't reflect the beliefs of every SGA member. However, it does disturb me to know that the Sauce has nothing better to research than where one can buy Oprah thongs.

Last, I think that you, a concerned student, should know just what it is that your SGA has been up to this semester. In eight short weeks the SGA has managed to schedule Ralph Nader, a prominent presidential candidate, to speak at our University. We've also increased the SGA loan to $75, begun to write the policies for the new Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center, and passed legislation that opens up the study rooms in Watson Library to all students.

These are just a few things out of the many that SGA has been working on, but apparently in the eyes of the authors these things do not provide services to you, the students.

You can see, dear friends, how the authors at the Sauce get their facts a little out of order. This is the second time in a mere eight weeks that the Sauce has printed an editorial based on falsities and inadequate research. I encourage you to write a letter to the editor and express your outrage over the state of your campus newspaper, as well as the need for the authors to issue a public apology. I thank you for the time out of your busy day to read this letter. I thank you for reading this newspaper, however inaccurate it may be. Most of all, I thank you for your continued support of the SGA. May God bless you, and may God bless NSU.

With kindest regards, I am
Sincerely yours,
J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large
Commissioner of Student Affairs
Leslie Ross
Senator at Large
Hunter Landry
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Ashlie Fisher
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Commissioner of External Affairs
Patrick Feller
Senator at Large
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Senator at Large

Editor's response to all this response

Mr. Gates is correct in saying that not enough of what the SGA has accomplished was mentioned in the editorial.

However, his point about STAT requires some context. While Mr. Gates asserts that the SGA "set up" the Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT), the Student Technology Web site, at the address given by Mr. Gates as the STAT Web site (www.nsula.edu/student_labs) under the "User Fee Agreement" link, in section I ("History"), says the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) created STAT:

"In the spring of 1999, ITAC created the Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT) to act as the primary body responsible for the appropriate use of the Student Technology Fees and to develop a formal internal fee use agreement between the student representatives and the University that defines both the governance and appropriate use of the Student Technology Fee."

According to the same document, ITAC was created by the university and chaired by the Dean of Information Systems after the SGA passed the Student Technology Fee in 1997. The SGA took that action after the state legislature "enacted a bill authorizing each management board to implement a technology fee for their colleges and universities," but only after a University's SGA approved the fee.

The SGA's role in the Student Technology governance structure, explained in the same document, is:

"The Student Government Association is responsible for providing members to the Student Technology Advisory Team. The Student Government Association is also responsible for promoting student interest and awareness in student technology matters as well as overseeing the Student Technology Advisory Team to insure that the student technology component of NSTEP is being followed."

The agreement was signed by then-SGA president W. David Gunn and University President Randall Webb.

To STAT's credit, it is the only organization that can approve the Student Technology Fee budget. However, five of the seven STAT are not members of the Natchitoches campus SGA. Those five members include two students appointed by the Natchitoches SGA, the Shreveport campus SGA president, and representatives from the Leesville student association and the CenLa campus student body.

The University — according to the source Mr. Gates provided — and the SGA president at the time set up STAT several years ago and vested in it — not the SGA — the power to decide how to spend the student technology fees collected from the student body. The SGA maintains only oversight to ensure that the University's long-term plans are represented.

The Sauce did not research where to buy Oprah thongs. Dustin Floyd quite proudly acted on his own accord to show us where to get them, as well as the ones with his face on the front and the American flag on the back part that rides up the butt crack.

Nonetheless, the Editorial Board has been dissolved and will not be reinstated. When our opinions are read at the expense of the true journalistic work in *the Sauce* — the work our student writers do to describe and explain life at NSU every week — and when those opinions are being consistently trounced by the student body for being misrepresentative, erroneous or unfair, it is time to realize that we frankly suck at doing this and should stop presenting my views or sponsoring the views of others.

Should an insufficient amount of NSU community-generated content be available to run a full page of opinions content, either the remaining portion of the page will be left blank or the Opinions section will be omitted. We have received far too many complaints from past and current members of the NSU community to continue the practice of running qualified opinions from outside the NSU community when there isn't enough student and staff content submitted. Without wire or student content, there is nothing left to fill the page, and at least a big block of nothing or another page of news won't get my staff members publicly berated, my copy editor encouraged by dustinfloyd.com to get a sex change to go with his name and long hair, and — the only effect that's actually important — my reporters shunned by potential story sources for ideas they didn't sponsor and errors they didn't make.

Thank you, good night
Garrett Guillotte
Editor in chief
As appointed by the SGA

Professor commends academic freedom

Dear Editor:

In response to Kyle A. Carter's article last week on my colleague James Means and the issue of academic freedom, I want to commend Alex Aichinger for his claim that more faculty should express their views on political issues. Academic freedom is absolutely vital for the university, in any real sense of that word, to continue to have valid existence. As a colleague told me years ago when I was a young assistant professor, "We are professors—we are hired to *profess*, on the basis of our knowledge, our years of reading, our capacity for understanding." When a university starts regarding itself as competing in a popularity contest to attract either students or funding, we might as well just lock the doors and give way to ignorance. It may be unpopular to teach Darwin, Marx, or Freud, but if we are committed to education, we must do so. It may not please some parents when we teach the Koran, but our task is not to please parents, but to educate students. It may not sit right with some alumni when we oppose immoral or unjust wars, but if history has taught us anything, it is the need to speak up against immorality and injustice.

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Movie review

'Chainsaw Massacre': Tales from the chainsaw

★★★★ (out of five)

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It all started as a classic 1970's American road trip: two attractive young heterosexual couples, along with their amusingly offbeat yet nerdy buddy, set off on a marijuana-fueled jaunt through Texas with front row tickets for a Lynyrd Skynyrd show.

Needless to say, when they encounter a dazed and creepy female hitchhiker outside of a backwoods little town, they stop to offer their assistance. Unfortunately for these youths, they are unfamiliar with the consequences of such an action, and are therefore quite surprised when it leads them to a carnival of death and dismemberment at the hands of a chainsaw-wielding madman and his band of wacky sidekicks.

But what is unfortunate for these teens is fortunate for the audience, as the latest incarnation of "The Chainsaw Massacre" proves to be an extremely entertaining, if entirely predictable, splatter-fest.

After a brief overview of the gruesome (and supposedly true) nature of the chainsaw murders, we meet our protagonists as they enjoy a pit stop at a secluded swimming hole. But the lighthearted mood established here is quickly shattered when the group picks up a nearly catatonic girl mumbling about murders. After she commits suicide in their van, the teens are forced to stop and seek out the local sheriff.

From this point on, the film takes a turn for the tense and ominous, as a host of unnerving locals are introduced, each more disturbing than the last. Ultimately, the party meets up with everyone's favorite hate-driven butcher of humanity, Leatherface. And oh, how the blood doth flow.

For the most part, the cast of teenagers is precisely what you have come to expect from a high budget Hollywood horror flick: attractive with mediocre acting abilities. The one gem here is Morgan, the token comic relief guy, played by Jonathon Tucker. Tucker glides along smoothly as his character's mood changes from laid back, to paranoid, to terror-stricken, to resigned would-be hero. While his companions remain predictable and flat, Tucker manages to keep you caring about their situation, whether or not you care about Morgan.

The one other character that truly stands out is R. Lee Ermey's Sheriff Hoyt. Ermey's portrayal of the redneck lawman immediately invokes memories of his role as the hard-nosed drill sergeant from Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket." In fact, his performance is so strong that he manages to beat out Leatherface as the film's most sinister and unsettling character. At least when you see a massive, disfigured, blood-stained man with a chainsaw you know what to expect. Sheriff Hoyt constantly keeps you guessing about what new obscenity he'll subject you to.

Though the film relies heavily on trite and cliché settings filled with random rusty tools and doll parts, the cinematography is actually quite impressive. The camera sweeps through the scenes, employing both smooth and jumpy techniques to force the viewer to feel alternately immersed in and detached from the film. The result is a pleasingly disorienting ride through backgrounds and images that would quickly become monotonous otherwise.

Overall, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" proves to be a surprisingly pleasing incarnation of the traditional American horror movie. If you're looking for a truly innovative horror film with realistic dialogue, actions and its own unique style, go rent "28 Days Later."



Chris Reich/ the *Current Sauce*
Manager Karen Kilpatrick holds a fake sturgeon inside the holding tanks of the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery. (Below) Brenda Webb, the first lady of NSU, stands behind the chair Oprah Winfrey sat in on a visit to the president's home.

Leading by example: Living after breast cancer

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Two women are living for the lives of others. These women are survivors of breast cancer and are taking action to find a cure.

Karen Kilpatrick, a manager at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2000.

"The first thing that goes through your mind is 'Oh am I going to die'," Kilpatrick said. "And the second thing is 'What about my husband and children'."

Kilpatrick said that she had a mammogram in July 2000 and it came back negative. According to a pamphlet from the Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, a mammogram is the most accurate method for detecting breast cancer in its early stage.

Kilpatrick said the symptoms began in October of that year when she felt a lump and sharp burning pain in her breast.

Kilpatrick said the doctors told her that she had the most common type of breast cancer, Stage II carcinoma in situ. According to www.cancer.gov, Stage II can be one of the following:

- The tumor in the breast is no more than 2 centimeters (less than three-quarters of an inch) across, and the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes under the arm; or
- The tumor is between 2 and 5 centimeters (three-quarters of an inch to 2 inches), and the cancer may have spread to the lymph nodes under the arm; or
- The tumor is larger than 5 centimeters (2 inches) but has not spread to the lymph nodes under the arm.

Kilpatrick said that after going through the educational process and finding out what type of treatment she would go through to fight the cancer, she knew that she would have an excellent chance of surviving.

Kilpatrick said that in Jan. 2001, she began her treatment of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. According to www.cancer.gov radiation therapy is a procedure in which lines are drawn on the body and the use of high-energy radiation from x-rays, gamma rays, neutrons, and other sources are used to kill cancer cells and shrink tumors. Kilpatrick said that the treatments were scary, but she continued to have a strong faith.

"I have two boys that were 15 and 12 at the time; and in August, I had brain surgery for the nerve problem, and then I had to turn around in December and tell them I had cancer," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick said that her family kept faith throughout her cancer treatment. Kilpatrick said that she kept a positive attitude and looked to scripture and prayer to get her through each day.

"I would tell people that I had a cancer policy and that my hair was going to fall out, but I'm going to come out of this [spiritually] richer, skinnier, and with better hair," Kilpatrick said, laughing.

Kilpatrick said that despite her treatment she continued to go to the grocery store, cook for her family and do other ordinary household jobs. Although she could not do as much as before, she knew that she had to make the best of her situation and continue to have faith in God.

"The big turning point was when my hair fell out because the chemo is like a poison that is killing off the cells in your body including your hair, but I ordered a wig and continued on," Kilpatrick said. "I even had a little fun with the kids at church by taking off my wig and letting them color my head

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Brushing up on breast cancer awareness

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Breast cancer is the most common cancer for women in the United States. According to the National Cancer Institute there will be 212, 600 new cases of breast cancer in 2003. Are you at risk?

Risk factors

According to the NCI, there are many risk factors for breast cancer including age, history and race. The risk of breast cancer increases with age, and women over the age of 60 are at the most risk. The risk is also higher if breast cancer already runs in the family. It is especially high for a woman under 40 years of age if her mother, sister, or daughter has already had breast cancer.

Women who have already had cancer in one breast have an increased risk of developing it in the other. Race is another factor. Breast cancer is more prevalent in white women. For more information on risk factors, visit the National Cancer Institute web site at www.cancer.gov.

Though there are many risk factors involved, most cases of breast cancer occur in women with no previous history of the disease in their family.

Stages of breast cancer

There are four stages of breast cancer. Stage I is the early stage. The tumor is no bigger than two centimeters across, and the cancer has not spread to the rest of the body. The higher the stage, the farther along the cancer has become. Stage III is locally advanced cancer, and in Stage IV the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

There are several ways women can help prevent the more advanced stages of breast cancer. Women can get a screening mammogram. The mammogram can show breast lumps before they are big enough to be felt. The NCI recommends that women over the age of 40 should get a mammogram every one to two years.

Women can also get a clinical breast exam, given by their health care provider. The health care provider will look for things such as unusual differences in shape and size, checking for rashes or dimpling, or lumps in the breast, collarbone and underarm area. Women can also perform a self-exam to check for abnormalities or lumps.

Treatments

There are several venues for treatment. According to the NCI web site, treatments depend on the stage of the cancer and one of the following: size of the tumor compared to the breast, test results, whether or not the woman has gone through menopause and the woman's health.

Women with cancer up to Stage IIIA have a choice of treatments to choose from. They can have breast-sparing surgery, which is followed by radiation therapy. They can also choose to have a mastectomy. Stages IIIB and IIIC usually result in chemotherapy, and if the chemotherapy shrinks the tumor enough they can then have breast-sparing surgery, a mastectomy, or radiation therapy. Women with Stage IV cancer can receive hormonal therapy, chemotherapy, or a combination of both. The treatments for Stage IV may not cure the cancer, but they can help the woman live longer.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since 1985, NBCAM has helped educate women about breast cancer, and spread the importance of early detection through mammograms, clinical exams and self-exams. According to the NBCAM web site, every third Friday in October is National Mammography Day. National Mammography Day was first proclaimed in 1993 by President Clinton. On this day, radiologists provide discounted, and sometimes free, screening mammograms. This year, National Mammography Day fell on Oct. 17.

NBCAM has had past victories. According to the NBCAM web site, breast cancer death rates showed their first decline between 1989 and 1995. Each year the death rate dropped by 1.4 percent, and increased to 3.2 percent from 1995 to 1998. In 1987, 27 percent of women 50 years and older had mammograms within the past two years. In 1998, that percentage increased to 69.

Federal funding has also grown. In 1991, funding for breast cancer research was $92.7 million, and in 1999, it was $660 million. More past accomplishments, future goals, and more information about NBCAM can be found at www.nbcam.org. And remember, early detection saves lives.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Trends for your tresses

Beautiful, healthy, sensational hair is definitely a head turner and confidence builder.

When your hair is in good condition, anything is possible! Extreme styles, cuts, and colors are abundant this season, but before exploring those styles, proper cleansing and conditioning routines are a must.

It is so easy for hair to become dull, lifeless, or unhealthy when lack of moisture conditioning and over use of heat and hair-styling products is common. To solve that tress-stress, use shampoos and conditioners appropriate for your hair type and remember to use a leave-in conditioner. It's also crucial to cleanse your hair thoroughly. Try using an anti-residue shampoo. It works wonders because it strips the hair of any excess residue different hair products can leave behind. Using anti-residue shampoo also helps your normal hair products work better.

If you have dry or damaged hair, use products made especially for this problem, such as Infusium 23 or Ion. You'll definitely see some better hair days. Frequent heat styling can be damaging to the hair, so reduce the amount of heat you use. Fortunately, products exist for every hair type—thin/fine; color-treated; dry/damaged, etc. It's definitely easy to find products to adhere to every person's hair, but you have to decide which ones work best for you. If you're not sure about what products to use, consult a beautician or hairstylist.

Another tactic in keeping hair healthy is to have those ends trimmed. You should get your ends trimmed once every six weeks. When you don't keep ends from becoming rugged, the hair shaft becomes uneven and eventually splits. Once your ends split, breakage and damage occur, and the hair's growth is stunted.

Last, but certainly not least—remember that your diet has a lot to do with maintaining your hair. Drink plenty of water and eat your fruits and green vegetables on a regular basis!

Okay, now you have the basics in hair care. So what about styles and colors? Vibrant reds, blacks, browns, and blondes are hot this season. Highlights are also taking over. For those of you who don't like chemical dyes, try a semi-permanent rinse. Although rinses don't last as long as permanent dyes, they are magnificent. Semi-permanent colors contain no alcohol and they usually contain moisturizing agents that are actually great for the hair. If you're looking to add a little glossy shine to your tresses, try a clear rinse, or for everyday use, try a glosser. Neither of these is heavy nor will they weigh down the hair.

Once those tresses are conditioned and colored, start looking for trendy cuts and styles to complement your look. If you don't want to go too dramatic, get your hair cut in layers. This will provide a bit of added volume, but still allow you to keep your initial length. For a simple, classy look, try a bob cut with face-framing layers. For a different, easily maintained style, flip hair and cut a wispy, complementing bang. There are so many styles out there that would look great on you! Again, if you're not sure, skim through hair magazines. They contain great pictures and possible hairstyles you would be interested in.

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with magic markers so that they wouldn't be afraid."

Kilpatrick said that she went through four treatments once a month. After the chemotherapy came radiation treatment for approximately 30 days.

"I had wonderful support from friends and family during those 30 days driving me to and from Alexandria for radiation treatment," Kilpatrick said.

Lana Litton, office assistant to Natchitoches Fish Hatchery and friend of Kilpatrick, took her to her final radiation treatment.

"I felt really privileged that she chose me to share that with her," Litton said. "It is because of her that I have increased my awareness of breast cancer by taking a yearly mammogram and doing self examination for myself."

Kilpatrick said that though she was officially dismissed from treatment in June 2001, she continues to take a drug called Tamoxifen until December 2005. According to www.cancer.gov, Tamoxifen is a drug that is used to treat breast cancer. Tamoxifen blocks the effects of the hormone estrogen in the body. It belongs to the family of drugs called antiestrogens.

Kilpatrick said that she has become an activist for breast cancer by speaking at various events such events as the Pink Line Project sponsored by the City of Natchitoches. Kilpatrick has also worked with the Natchitoches branch of Rely For Life for two years.

"There is no circumstance too big that God can't pull you through," Kilpatrick said. "If you learn how to praise him, it will make all the difference in your life."

Like Kilpatrick, Brenda Webb, the first lady of NSU, continued to look to her faith throughout her treatment of breast cancer.

Webb is five-year survivor and continues to be an activist for others throughout Natchitoches.

"I believe I was the one who brought it to Brenda's attention this past August that she was now a five-year survivor, and how proud of her and grateful I was for this accomplishment," Randall Webb, president of NSU said. "One never knows about this insidious disease, but she and I feel confident she has won this battle, and I couldn't be more pleased."

Mrs. Webb said that doctors first discovered her breast cancer after removing a large tumor in the walls of her chest during a breast reduction surgery.

Webb said that a week after the breast cancer was discovered she had a mastectomy. According to www.cancer.gov a mastectomy is a surgery to remove the breast or as much of the breast tissue as possible.

"My first reaction was a brief period of shock that turned into an immediate amount of faith," Mrs. Webb said. "I realized that I was going to have to go through it, and I had to continue to remain positive."

Mrs. Webb said that the first two months of treatment through chemotherapy were very difficult. She said that the doctor was extremely hard on her when it came to the treatments, but it was because of the doctor being so hard on her that she knew she was going to fight the cancer. She was hospitalized during that time could not raise her head because of headaches and nausea resulting from her treatments.

"I went through the first four treatments, and after a while I couldn't take it any more," Mrs. Webb said. "But I knew I had to do it for my family's sake."

President Webb said, "I have great empathy for people, so you can imagine that, although Brenda was the one undergoing all of the pain, trials, and sickness associated with the chemotherapy and radiation treatments, I still felt deeply for her because of what she was having to endure,"

"I did my best to accompany her for treatments, because I wanted her to know how strongly I supported her. Much of my feeling was one of helplessness, because I gladly would have borne all of this difficulty for her, but it was Brenda who faced all of this head-on, without complaint. Her approach to this disease and the treatment regimen epitomizes the way she lives her life--grateful for each day and full of faith that all will work out well in the end."

Mrs. Webb said she received a tremendous amount of support from friends and faculty at NSU during her treatments.

"When I lost my hair, I began wearing a lot of wigs and hats," Mrs. Webb said. "My friends would give hat parties and soup luncheons. I felt really blessed to have their support."

"My husband was very supportive," Webb said. "He would go with me and stay with me during my treatments."

"Brenda's surgeon called me in August of 1998 to tell me that Brenda had breast cancer. I said that I would drop everything and go to the house to follow up on his call to her. He told me that telling Brenda was my responsibility, not his. I then headed to the house, where Brenda was in bed, recuperating from her surgery, to carry out the most difficult mission with which I have ever been faced," President Webb said. "When I told Brenda, she was at total peace, because she knew in her heart this was part of God's plan for her life. We prayed about it, and I told her I had never loved her more than I did at that moment."

Webb said that she continues to be an example to the community and to others dealing with breast cancer. In her first year of having breast cancer, Webb participated in Relay for Life and continues to participate in the organization.

"I try to be a good example to others," Webb said.

"Today, our faith is stronger than ever," President Webb said. "We both believe that trials and tribulations appear in our lives as tests of our faith and that they afford us opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, and I love and appreciate Brenda more than ever. I am one of those fortunate people who married the most wonderful person he ever met in life."

"In dealing with breast cancer, you have to know your body and the terminology," Mrs. Webb said. "Continue to keep the faith and the support of others around you."

For more information, visit the Cancer Information Service with the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov.

D.O.V.E.S. bring change to Natchitoches

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A tear-filled audience surrounded a stage abundant with candles, flower bouquets and picture arrangements and listened to Kay Cross, a domestic violence survivor, explain the sorrows she experienced as a result of physical abuse.

Cross, guest speaker at the annual Domestic Violence Education and Support Groups Incorporated candlelight vigil, now understands the importance of reporting violent situations concerning domestic abuse. Cross, along with organizations like D.O.V.E.S hope to educate the public about the seriousness of domestic violence.

D.O.V.E.S is a local organization that provides safety, education and support for victims of domestic violence. The organization focuses on advocacy, education, counseling, support groups and outreach programs to effectively inform the public about problems or issues concerning domestic violence.

Executive Director of D.O.V.E.S. Melody Minturn stressed her concern about the issue and how imperative it is for people to be aware of domestic abuse.

"Our main goal is to make people aware of the program so they will support it as their project of peace," Minturn said.

Natchitoches Police Chief Ralph Peters said that he was very pleased with the candlelight vigil because it is important for people to understand the seriousness of domestic violence.

"It takes an entire community response from social services to organizations to education outlets," Peters said.

D.O.V.E.S is currently trying to raise money to build a shelter for those who are or who have been victims of abuse. Peters is satisfied with the reaction that has come from the community concerning the shelter.

"With the good leadership and services the Lord has provided, we should be on the right track to a new shelter," Peters said.

The candlelight vigil has been held annually for the past six years. The ceremony is held to honor those who have suffered the effects of domestic violence.

Minturn hopes to continue to receive a positive response from the community.

"We want to get it into institutions to teach about the problem of domestic violence and get the community to embrace this problem so change can come about," Minturn said.

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Honoring Wann

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The Jack Wann scholarship was created in honor of Jack Wann, former head of the theatre department, for his 15 years of service to NSU.

Roger Held, current theatre department head, said, "It just seems appropriate to me that people that make that kind of a contribution to the University, to the students, to the art form ought to be remembered."

Held decided in June of last year that Wann was one of those people that needed to be recognized for his service.

Held said, "There are a lot of people in this business who start programs from nothing. If you know how much work that is—if you've done that, then you know how much work that is. You know how deserving they are of some kind of recognition that by in large they never receive."

Wann said, "The work I do is so rewarding and so beautiful because it is work that is circular. I thought I was really getting old when I was getting the children of my former students. But now, kids who work with are helping me get work. It is such a cross-pollinating kind of work."

The amount of the scholarship, as well as when the scholarship will be awarded depends on donations to the scholarship fund.

Held expects donations from Wann's former students and the theatre staff.

Held said the scholarship will most likely be awarded to a junior theater student that has given an exceptional contribution to the theatre program.

Wann also received an Emeritus Professor Award. This is an honorary title given by the University to its outstanding professors.

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be improved. In addition to the returning role players who saw ample playing time a year ago, the Demons will be aided by three incoming freshmen and two transfer students.

Guard Keenan Jones of Opelousas (Northwest HS), and forwards Demetrius Bell of Summerfield and Greg Tyler from Bossier City (Airline) are the freshmen who will battle for playing time. Other newcomers include junior guard Tramain Hancock who is transferring from Panola College and sophomore Kerwin Forges who played last season at Oxnard College.

Senior Carl Jones will provide Coach McConathy with another big man on the bench as well. Jones, who is one of the bigger Demons at 6'9 245 lbs., sat out last year with a medical redshirt.

The '03-'04 team will be tested early in the season. After two preseason games versus Division II opponents the Demons will tip off their regular season Nov. 21 against Eddie Sutton's Oklahoma State team with another tough matchup against Conference USA power Tulsa on the following day.

In perhaps the most interesting matchup of the season, the Demons will travel to Evanston, Illinois to take on the Big Ten's Northwestern University in the first-ever "Northwestern vs. Northwestern" game that will hopefully gain the attention of the national media.

NSU will take on yet another of last year's NCAA Tournament teams when they take on Troy State at the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City on Dec. 20.

Fans can get their first look at this year's team on Nov. 4 when NSU hosts the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers in an exhibition game. The Demons regular season home opener will be Nov. 25 against LSU-S, and conference play begins on Jan. 8 when the Demons will host Stephen F. Austin.

Soccer seniors honored, respond with two wins

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NSU vs. Sam Houston State

On Senior Day at the Demon Soccer Complex, the NSU Demons shutout visiting Sam Houston State 4-0 in a blowout.

The Lady Demons improved to 8-8 overall and 6-3 in Southland Conference Play. Goalie Nellie Latiolais recorded her league-leading sixth shutout Sunday evening.

The three seniors honored were mid-fielder Jacqui Lawrence, defender Jennifer Robbins and defender Hillarie Marshall. Robbins scored first for the Demons and recorded an assist in the game. The goal was Robbins first of the season, and it could not have come on a better day.

"I have not scored all season, and I'm supposed to score, so it felt great to get that goal on Senior Day," Robbins said.

Northwestern State's second goal came from Stephanie Miller after a pass from Brittany Hung. Hung would add the Lady Demons' third goal in the 31st minute in the first half.

Heather Penico added the Lady Demons final goal in the early stages of the second half with an assist from Robbins.

NSU vs. Texas St.

Goals by Heather Penico, Natalie Waguespack, and Stephanie Miller in the first 24 minutes of play sparked a strong first half by the Demon Soccer team as they took the lead early in the first half and held on to a 3-2 win over Texas State in Southland Conference soccer action.

Northwestern State (7-8, 5-3 SLC) gave up two goals in the 25th and 27th minute of play to make the game interesting but held the Bobcats (4-7-2, 4-2 SLC) scoreless in the second half to clinch victory.

"We played the best first 25 minutes of play than we have ever played this season," said Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell. "We have worked hard at practice this week and it was nice to see the improvements on the things we worked on because it builds confidence."

The Demons got on the scoreboard first as Brittany Hung connected with Heather Penico in the 3rd minute of play to make the game 1-0. Natalie Waguespack followed in the 14th minute off a pass by Hillarie Marshall to move the score to 2-0.

Stephanie Miller adds the final goal for the Demons off a pass by Marliese Latiolais as the Demons go ahead of the Bobcats 3-0 with 20 minutes left of play in the first half.

Goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais picks up the win on nine saves after facing 16 shots by Texas State. Latiolais faced more goals in the second half than the first but stayed strong to complete the game.

"After we gave up the first goal, we lost confidence in ourselves but we battled back even through the injuries to put the game away."

Up next for Northwestern State are the Southeastern Lions in Hammond. NSU defeated SLU in the SLC Tournament championship game to advance to the NCAA tournament. The Lady Demons are riding a two-game sweep at home entering the final three games of the season.

NSU will host the upcoming SLC tournament Nov. 6-9.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Services
Defender Natalie Waguespack tries to kick the ball past a Texas State defender. Waguespack recorded a goal against the Bobcats as NSU won 3-2.

Volleyball loses to Tech, struggles against UT-Arlington

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NSU vs. La. Tech

Another five-game volleyball match for the Lady Demons became another heartbreaking five-game loss for NSU. The Northwestern State Lady Demons fell to 3-7 on the season in five-game matches, this time going the distance against non-conference foe Louisiana Tech in a 3-2 loss here Tuesday night.

"It's really heartbreaking," said head coach Leigh Mullins. "We worked really hard, we fought really hard to get back into the game and we couldn't pull it out in the end."

Things could have been differently if the Lady Demons had not lost their top offensive Player when Priscila Augusto went down in the fourth game with a severe sprained ankle.

"That took a lot out of us but we continued to battle," said Mullins. "We've got a lot of good hitters that stepped it up when we needed it."

Things looked good for the Lady Demons early on, taking the first game 30-26. Louisiana Tech responded with a 30-25 win in game two to knot things up 1-1 as the teams headed for the break.

NSU rallied from a 19-13 deficit in game three to take a 30-27 win and a 2-1 lead in what seemed to be the turning point of the match.

However, the Lady Techsters dominated the fourth game holding NSU to just 10 kills in a 30-19 win to force a game five.

NSU caught fire early in the fifth game and jumped out to a 5-0 lead in an attempt to break the five-game jinx.

The two team alternated points and NSU led 6-1 after a kill by Shannon Puder. La. Tech then went on a three-point run to cut the lead to 6-4 before a kill by Evelyn Getzen put NSU up 7-4. The Lady Techsters fed off of two NSU errors and two kills of their own to take an 8-7 lead.

NSU took their last lead of the game on a Beth Freeland kill making it 10-9. La. Tech, now 14-10 on the year, scored the final three points for a 15-12 win to win the match.

Becky David led the Lady Demons in kills with 15 followed by Getzen and Freeland with 11 each. Getzen completed a double-double with a team-high 14 digs.

"We need to regroup and go out and get a win Friday night," said Mullins. "The season's coming to an end and we need to make a run."

NSU vs. UTA

Northwestern State's struggles against Texas-Arlington continued Saturday afternoon as NSU fell to the Lady Mavs 3-1 in Southland Conference volleyball action at Texas Hall.

UTA made quick use of the Lady Demons, winning game one 30-19. After NSU won the second game by a 30-26 score, UTA rolled for wins of 30-18 and 30-13 in games three and four.

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— FOOTBALL —
10/25 vs. Nicholls — 2:30 p.m.

— VOLLEYBALL —
10/24 vs. Sam Houston — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
10/24 vs. Southeastern — 3:30 p.m.
10/26 vs. Nicholls —1 p.m.

SPORTS



Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Nicholls Colonels

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If you are a fan of Major League Baseball, you may understand why I have been writing about the playoffs. If you are a Cubs or Red Sox fan, you may understand why I'm not writing about the World Series, or watching it for that matter.

This week there is something a little important going on around campus. That's right, I'm talking about homecoming.

And I'm not talking about arguing about celebrity visits or campus activities. I'm talking about the most important aspect of Homecoming 2003... ripping the Colonels a new one!

Hello people, there are better things to do than fight about a celebrity. There is more to Homecoming than that. Yeah, there are student activities and special visits, but NSU students would be better off if they shed this dead horse argument and focus on other things.

I totally believe that the editors of the Current Sauce are entitled to their own opinions no matter who thinks they are wrong. Journalists are always subject to scrutiny.

Here is the argument: the SGA doesn't do anything, and the Current Sauce misrepresents the student body. All right, we are all even now. Now let's shut up about who doesn't do what, and support each other for a few minutes.

There is a football team out there that needs your support and cheers to beat Nicholls State University. I'm sure Coach Stoker would like for some of that anger and hostility to be thrown at the Colonels' bench on Saturday.

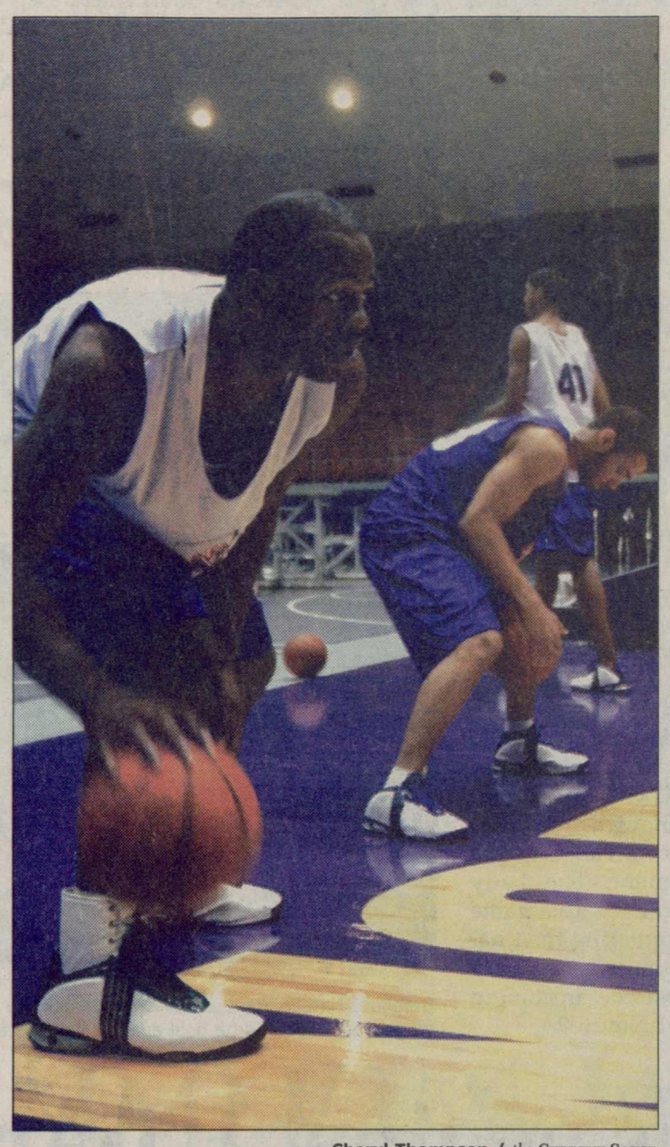
Nicholls is a good team to play this year, not to mention this is a homecoming and a Southland Conference game.

This week the Demons' nationally ranked Purple Swarm Defense will face the top rushing offense in Division 1-AA. This is no joke for the Demons and will be one of the most demanding games of this season.

The Colonels don't have the greatest record at 2-4, but they have broken through every defense they have faced to put themselves on top of the division with a 370-yard-per-game average. The rest of their offense is just the same as they have topped the SLC with a 446-yard average in total offense.

This is the same team the Demons barely beat by seven points last year, and they were mediocre compared to the rest of the conference back then. Demon fans, your team needs you this week at the game filling the stands and screaming at the Colonels.

If the Demons are going to pull this one off they are going to need all the pitchfork carrying Demon fans at Turpin Stadium.



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
NSU basketball players Byron Allen and D. J. Ross practice in Prather Coliseum as they prepare for the upcoming 2003 season.

Young Demons gain experience

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Only two short years ago NSU's men's basketball team was playing on the biggest stage of them all. In the 2001-2002 season the Demons won the Southland Conference Tournament and with it, a ticket to the NCAA tournament. However, the Demons would soon learn that good fortune is often fleeting.

Last season, with many of the previous year's key players gone, the men's program suffered through a rebuilding year, finishing the campaign next to last in the conference and 6-21 overall.

Last year's squad, which featured 12 freshmen and two sophomores, garnered national attention from ESPN's Dick Vitale for fielding the youngest team in the country, but earned few other accolades.

This year the Demons are still a young team, but expectations will be higher as they return all five starters, including Jermaine Wallace, last season's Freshman of the Year in the Southland Conference.

Coach Mike McConathy has also brought in a strong crop of newcomers and scheduled some challenging non-conference foes to help the team develop into a contender once again.

Leading NSU will be a battle-tested group of sophomores that includes the top five scorers and leaders in minutes played from a year ago.

Tyronn Mitchell returns at point guard, where last year the 6'1 sophomore led the team in assists and steals while averaging seven points per game.

Joining Mitchell in the backcourt will be the 6'3 Wallace who led the Demons with 11 points per game. Wallace was also second on the team in assists and steals.

The sophomore trio of Clifton Lee, Jermaine Spencer, and Byron Allen will lead the Demons frontcourt once again this year. The athletic forwards, Lee and Spencer, each stand 6'7 and weigh 210 pounds.

Lee was second on the team last year with 10.4 points per game and led the team in rebounds averaging over six per contest. Spencer, who teamed with Mitchell at New Iberia High School, led last year's team in blocks and averaged 7.8 points and 4.7 boards per game. Big-bodied center, Byron Allen will hold down the post position again this season. Last year the 6'7 255 pounder averaged over 10 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

The NSU bench will also

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Brown-Stroud undergoes facelift

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NSU's Brown-Stroud baseball field is undergoing a facelift this semester.

NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke said the baseball field has been in need of work for some time. In the past, the seats were extended and covered to allow for more comfortable seating at Demon baseball games, but now the field will be getting more improvements.

Improvements include new turf, dugouts and foul line fences.

The dugouts will be widened to comfortably fit each team and include their own rest rooms and water coolers. NSU's dugout will also be extended 10 feet to allow more room for the home team.

The turf will be a significant improvement for the field as the current turf has become old and worn.

"We need new turf in the worst way," Burke said.

The already successful Demon baseball team hopes to prosper from the remodeling. The work will allow Brown-Stroud to look more professional and may help attract more visitors.

"Part of staying on top is putting yourself in the position to do so," Burke said, "and a big part of having a successful program relates to what kind of facilities you have."

The work seems good for the Demons, but as the spring semester nears, they are hoping the work will be completed in time for the 2004 season. Burke said that it currently looks as if the newly remodeled field will be ready, but outside factors may still affect the timing.

Whether the field is ready for this season or not, it will most likely be ready for the 2005 Southland Conference Tournament which will be hosted by NSU.

Burke said this opportunity is long overdue, but will not be the last.

Burke also said the renovations for the stadium will not end after these are finished. New rest rooms, concession areas and a new entrance may be in the future plans for Brown-Stroud field.

"As athletic director I don't have a wand I can wave to meet all of our facility needs," Burke said. "It has to be a constant ongoing effort to make all of our facilities better."



Chris Reich / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Two construction workers work on the Demon dugout and field. New turf and foul line fences are part of the renovations being done at Brown-Stroud field that will be completed for the upcoming season.

Football team wins conference opener

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Northwestern State quarterback Davon Vinson couldn't do anything wrong Saturday night in the Demons' Southland Conference opener.

Meanwhile, Texas State quarterback Barrick Nealy didn't have time to do anything.

The Demons' Purple Swarm defense recorded nine sacks of Nealy, who was third in Division I-AA with a 323-yard total offense average, and Northwestern steamrolled Texas State 49-19 Saturday night.

The Bobcats managed only 65 yards of offense until midway through the fourth quarter, trailing 42-3 before they added a pair of late touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions along with a lot of yardage against the Demons' defensive reserves.

The window dressing didn't threaten to alter the outcome as Vinson, who didn't start for the first time this season, ran for three short touchdowns (3, 1 and 1 yards) and completed 10 of 11 passes for 145 yards as the Demons ran off 42 unanswered points after the Bobcats (3-4, 0-1) netted a field goal from a fumbled punt snap late in the first quarter.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Services
Quarterback Davon Vinson eludes a Texas State defensive player Saturday. Vinson led the Demons to a 49-19 victory.

Vinson, a sophomore transfer from Baylor and one of nine Texas natives on the Demons' travel roster, tied a school record set in 1980 by future pro star Bobby Hebert by completing nine consecutive passes after an incompletion on his second attempt of the night.

Northwestern (6-2, 1-0), ranked 19th in Division I-AA, won its SLC opener for the 13th time in 17 seasons in the league.

The Demons scored 40-plus points in three consecutive games for the first time in school history but may have lost quarterback Ryan Lewis indefinitely with a shoulder injury sustained midway through the first quarter.

"We decided to start Ryan early this week and then Davon had his best week of practice, by far," said Demons' coach Scott Stoker. "We were going to play Davon a lot anyway but Ryan's injury forced our hand. Davon played well and the offense rallied around him."

The Demons moved ahead 7-3 11 minutes before halftime on a 3-yard sweep by Vinson capping an 80-yard drive in 10 plays. Safety Neil Ponstein made a diving interception at the Bobcats' 23 on the next series and Vinson plunged in from 1 yard out to build a 14-3 lead that stood through the first half.

Derrick Johnese, who ran for 79 yards on 20 carries, stretched the spread to 21-3 on a 4-yard TD sweep less than four minutes after halftime. Linebacker Josh Burton set it up by recovering a Texas State fumble on a punt at the hosts' 12.

Northwestern salted it away with scoring drives of 65 and 59 yards, dominating the line of scrimmage, late in the third quarter. The Demons had the ball for 13 of the 15 minutes in the quarter while taking command of the game.

"We like to play physical football and that's what allowed us to take control tonight," said Stoker. "We got a couple of short fields that helped us get fairly easy touchdowns and once we got the upper hand, we put the game away."

The Bobcats, suffering their first homefield loss in four tries under new coach Manny Matsakis, posted 261 of their 326 total yards in the final eight minutes of play.

Up next for the Demons is a SLC showdown against Nicholls with kickoff at 2:30 p.m.

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NSU Soccer (8-8, 6-3)
Home Game

Oct. 19, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Sam Houston State
(4-13, 0-9)

NSU 4-SHSU 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	3	1	4
SHSU	0	0	0

Oct. 17, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Texas State (5-9-2, 5-4)

NSU 3-TSU 2

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	3	0	**3**
TSU	2	0	2

Key Player:
Jennifer Robbins
Goal & Assist
senior defender

NSU Volleyball (10-14,5-7)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Evelyn Getzen
double-double with team-high 14 digs
Senior outside hitter

Oct. 21, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
La. Tech (14-10)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
NSU	30	25	30	19	12	-
LAT	26	30	27	30	15	-

Oct. 18, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-Arlington
(10-10, 7-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	19	30	18	13	- 1
UTA	30	26	30	30	**-3**

Northwestern State vs.
Stephen F. Austin
(7-11, 5-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	25	25	30	28	- 1
SFA	30	30	26	30	**- 3**

Northwestern State vs
Louisiana-Monroe
(3-20, 0-12)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	**- 3**
ULM	13	23	18	- 0

This Just In

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Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Two Demons named to preseason polls

Last year's Southland Conference Freshman of the Year, Northwestern State's Jermaine Wallace was among 10 players named Tuesday to the 2003-04 Preseason All-SLC Basketball Team chosen by league coaches.

Point guard La'Terrica Dobin, a senior from Shreveport, was one of 11 players selected to the Southland Conference preseason all-conference team, earning first team honors when the SLC released the preseason polls and all-conference teams on Wednesday.

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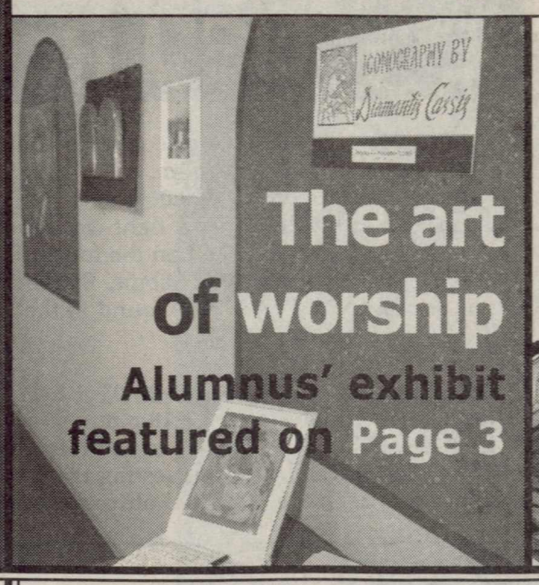
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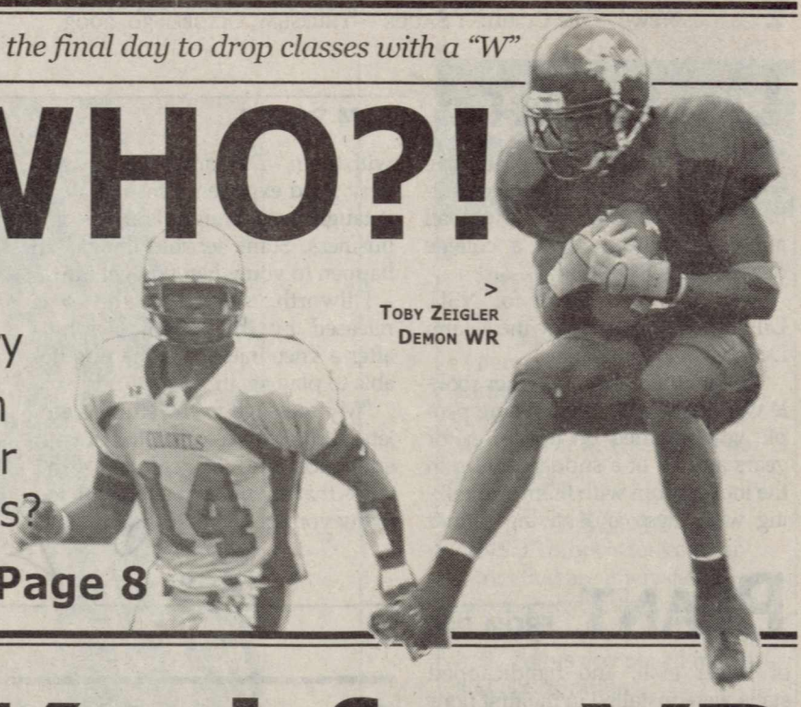


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Nicholls steals Homecoming glory

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Dilworth OKed for VP

State board approves NSU alum, Caddo schools official as University Affairs Vice President.

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DILWORTH

This week NSU welcomed the arrival of the new vice president of university affairs.

John Dilworth, the former chief operating officer of the Caddo Parish Public School System, began his new job at NSU on Monday after his appointment was approved by the University of Louisiana System board of supervisors on Friday.

Dilworth's duties as vice president of university affairs include overseeing the physical plant and its maintenance, renovations and construction projects. Also, he oversees custodial services, food services and dorms.

In addition to this, Dilworth said that he hopes to teach an education course as early as this spring.

Dilworth earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from NSU, and he said that the opportunity to return to NSU attracted him to his new position.

"I had a burning desire to come back to my alma mater," Dilworth said. "I wanted to come back to Natchitoches and Northwestern and work with the faculty and staff to make a difference for the students."

Dilworth started his career in education in 1977 teaching health, physical education, special education and driver education at several Caddo Parish Schools. He became the assistant principal of Captain Shreve High School in 1980. He later served as principal of three Shreveport area schools, Fair Park High School, Huntington High School, and Broadmoor Middle Laboratory School before becoming chief operating officer in 2000.

Dilworth said his most enjoyable job was serving as a school principal.

"I really love working with young people," Dilworth said. "When I moved to chief operating officer, I didn't have the daily contact with the young people anymore, so when I was principal it was the most enjoyable time."

Dilworth said that the accomplishment that he is most proud of is that he received a college degree despite the fact that his family was very poor. Dilworth is the sixth of eight siblings in his family, and he was the first to receive a college degree.

Before beginning his career in education, Dilworth spent two years playing professional football. He played in the National Football League for the Miami Dolphins, and he played in the Canadian Football League for the Calgary Stampeders.

Dilworth said that he realized very early that he had a talent for football, and he knew it was the way he could afford to go to college.

"Without a scholarship,

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SGA distances itself from Nader's views

Also: two senators resign, and two others are being considered for removal from office.

By Elaine Broussard
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The SGA passed a resolution stating that the views of Ralph Nader do not necessarily reflect the views of the SGA at their Monday night meeting.

Nader will be lecturing at NSU on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Also, two SGA senators may be removed from office because of failure to fulfill all of their required duties.

At the SGA meeting Monday, Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam announced that Buster Carlisle and John Eric Fontenot will be receiving letters notifying them that they may be removed from office next week. Pulliam said that the senators had failed to complete the required numbers of office hours that a senator must complete for several weeks.

The SGA senate will vote next week whether to remove these senators from office. The decision to remove a senator from office requires a two-thirds vote of

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>
> **Keith Gates**
> SGA senator



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Preparing for next semester

Taryn Ebarb, a junior elementary education major, picks up a spring 2004 schedule of classes Tuesday in front of the University Bookstore in the Student Union. Early registration for spring semester classes begins Nov. 11 and continues through Nov. 21.

Physical Plant focuses on the details

By Elaine Broussard
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You may have noticed the color change of the doors in Kyser Hall. Last week, did you smell paint while walking up the stairs?

These small changes are among the many projects that the Physical Plant has been working on recently to improve and maintain the NSU campus.

With a staff of approximately 70 workers, the NSU physical plant has completed a number of recent projects ranging from the completion of the new parking lot across from the Creative and Performing Arts building last spring to the painting of Kyser Hall stairwells last week.

In one of its most recent projects, the physical plant cleaned the outside of several buildings on campus, most notably the Student Union, the CAPA building and Bienvenu Hall.

Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite said that one of the ongoing projects of the physical plant is installing additional streetlights and lights on the sides of buildings to protect students at night.

"Lighting is a big safety concern," Sampite said. "It is a general concern for all universities to keep students safe."

Also, the physical plant recently repainted stripes on campus streets, replaced sidewalks and installed Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramps at intersections to aid students with disabilities.

"When we do sidewalk projects we take into consideration the need for the ramping so that those students can get around," Sampite said.

Sampite also said that ADA compliant water fountains were installed on every floor

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What's Current?

DIVERSIONS

13-year-old Russian harp prodigy to perform at NSU

Harp prodigy Alexander "Sasha" Boldachev of St. Petersburg, Russia will perform a recital tonight, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall on the campus of Northwestern State University. Admission is free and open to the public.

Boldachev, who is 13, recently won the BBC 1st International Award as one of the "Brilliant Prodigies of 2003." Within the past three years, he has received first or second place prizes in international competitions in St.. Petersburg, Paris, Deaujville, France, Namur, Belgium and Moscow. He also won first place in the International Valery Gavrillin Competition in St. Petersburg.

Boldachev has presented recitals in Paris, Orleans and Tours, France, Great Britain, Prague, the Czech Republic and in Lithuania.

For more information, contact NSU harp instructor Shirley Jennings at 357-5777 or 352-9849.

NSU News Bureau

What's Updated?

NEWS

Nader visit nears

Ralph Nader, who has been a prominent consumer advocate for almost 40 years, will lecture at NSU Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. The lecture is sponsored by Northwestern's Student Government Association is part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series. His topic will be "Big Business and the American Duopoly."

Nader was honored by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential Americans of the Twentieth Century. He has devoted his life to giving ordinary people the tools they need to defend themselves against corporate negligence and government indifference.

NSU News Bureau

NSU technology group named outstanding chapter in region

Northwestern State University's chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) was recently named the Outstanding Region 3 Student Chapter. AITP Region 3 covers 49 student chapters in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

According to AITP chapter president Susan Little of Longville, the Outstanding Region Chapter award enters the NSU chapter into the National Outstanding Chapter Award, which will be announced at the National Collegiate Conference in Omaha in April.

NSU News Bureau

Cedar fire most destructive in history of California

EL CAJON, Calif. — They are running out of superlatives here in the eye of the firestorm.

The Cedar fire, raging in the dry foothills 30 miles east of the city of San Diego, has grown in four days from big to bigger to biggest — the most destructive fire in the history of California. And yesterday it claimed the life of a fire fighter and critically injured two others.

The fire, which may have started after a lost hunter lit a fire to draw attention to his location, has consumed 233,192 acres, 960 homes and displaced thousands.

Emergency teams of firefighters continued to pour into San Diego from all across the state, as well as Arizona, Nevada and Oregon. Gov. Gray Davis said he has directed 245 extra engines to fighting the Cedar fire.

KRT Campus

Post-combat deaths in Iraq surpass toll from war campaign

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. intervention in Iraq has passed a grim milestone: More soldiers have now lost their lives in the occupation than in combat.

Since President Bush declared major fighting finished on May 1, 117 soldiers have died, three more than during the campaign to oust Saddam Hussein.

The latest death count includes two American soldiers killed late Tuesday when their Abrams tank, one of the army's sturdiest vehicles, struck an explosive device on a road 50 miles north of Baghdad, the military said Wednesday.

It marked the first time since warfare ended that a tank was destroyed by insurgents.

KRT Campus

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
20% chance of showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
85°/65°	85°/62°	82°/62°	82°/60°

CORRECTION

A mol consists of 6.022×10^{23} molecules of a substance. The number printed in last week's story about tie dye incorrectly failed to superscribe the exponent. We apologize for the error.

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coming to college wouldn't have been realistic for me. I enjoyed football, but most importantly football allowed me to receive a college degree," Dilworth said.

After playing football for NSU, Dilworth was drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

"I went there like any other rookie with eyes wide open, seeing people you watched on television for years and all of a sudden you're in the locker room with them and talking with them and having dinner with them," Dilworth said. "It was a very good experience for me. What it taught me, though, is that it is a business. Some terrible things can happen to you when you get hurt."

Dilworth said that he was released by the Miami Dolphins after a knee injury, and he was not able to play again.

"My message to the student athletes of Northwestern is to get your education and a degree. I can't stress that enough. I played with too many young men that did not have a degree, and they had nothing to fall back from," Dilworth said. "I'm not vice president of Northwestern because I played football; I'm vice president because of the education I received here."

"My goal is to work with the faculty and staff of Northwestern to make this campus the optimal learning environment for the students," Dilworth said.

The portrait photo of John Dilworth is used courtesy of The (Shreveport) Times.

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of Kyser Hall, and handicapped stalls were installed in the first floor bathrooms of Kyser Hall.

This year the physical plant completed roofing projects at the Student Union and Bienvenu Hall. The physical plant is currently repairing the Athletic Fieldhouse roof.

"This is important because the roofs that start to leak create interior problems that cost us more money to fix," Sampite said. "For example, in the Student Union we had to replace the roof and the third floor ceiling because it had aged and stained a good bit, and in the process we repainted the interior of the building."

Sampite mentioned a number of the physical plant's future projects including a parking lot that will be constructed across from the Wellness Center for the additional traffic that will likely result when it opens late next fall. Plans also include another parking lot on the south side of Sabine Hall that will be constructed to help parking problems on the west side of campus.

Sampite said that a study by Noel-Levitz, a consulting firm for colleges and universities, found that 67 percent of students consider the conditions of campus facilities and grounds when choosing a school.

Braden Benedict, a sophomore criminal justice major, said that the condition of NSU's campus was a factor when choosing where to go to college.

"I enjoyed the way the campus looked, how the buildings were close together, and the scenery of the campus," Benedict said. "The maintenance of our campus is not too bad, usually, and if the power ever goes out, it's restored fairly quickly."

Sophomore math major Ladorian Latin said that the condition of NSU's grounds was not an important factor in her college choice.

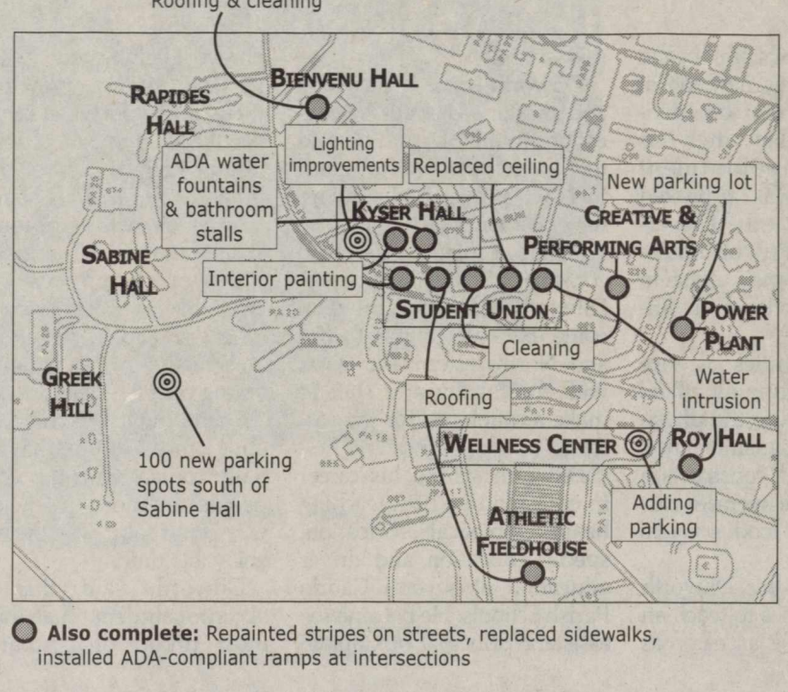
"The campus doesn't look trashy or anything. Maybe deep down the landscaping did make a difference because I might not have come here if it did, but there are definitely more important things to consider," Latin said. "I came here because it's not too far from home, it had my major, and I got a scholarship."

Sampite said one of the physical plant's biggest challenges is the age of the steam system that provides hot water for the buildings on campus. Also, energy management has become an important issue.

"We may possibly come up with ideas to ask for student assistance with little things like turning lights off and any other ways to help the University cut back on its energy bills," Sampite said.

Physical Plant Projects

Legend: Recently completed project; Planned project



Also complete: Repainted stripes on streets, replaced sidewalks, installed ADA-compliant ramps at intersections

Sources: Chris Sampite, physical plant director; map from NSUPD

NSU Police Blotter

10-21-03
12:19 p.m.
A fight was reported in Varnado Hall.

10-23-03
6:10 p.m.
A student called from the Columns complaining about loud music coming from the TKE house. The TKEs were advised to keep the noise level to a minimum.

8:06 p.m.
A fight was reported on the fourth floor of Sabine. Evidence was found in the hallway.

10-24-03
9:18 p.m.
A city officer called requesting that an NSU officer be sent to the west side of the stadium for a property damage incident. "MIKE" was scratched into the hood of a brand new BMW.

10-25-03
8:01 p.m.
Another golf cart was stolen.

8:04 p.m.
A fight was reported at the Columns. Statements were taken from witnesses and the victim did not want to press charges.

10-26-03
9:02 p.m.
Someone was caught breaking into a car at the bottom of Greek Hill.

Elizabeth Bolt

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the senate.

At the meeting Pulliam reminded the senate that senators are free to make their own decisions.

"If you believe they should be removed, vote accordingly. If you think that they shouldn't, vote accordingly," Pulliam said.

Carlisle and Fontenot did not attend the meeting on Monday.

Pulliam also announced that Geoff Clegg and Chad Black resigned from the senate.

SGA Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharmyn Little announced that currently only four students are members of the Supreme Court, and five members are required in order to meet quorum, the minimum number of members that must be present in order to do business. This means that if a case were brought to the Supreme Court, it would not be able to meet and make a decision. A maximum of seven students can serve on the Supreme Court.

At this week's meeting, the SGA senate passed three resolutions and approved a presidential appointment.

The first resolution stated that the SGA "should not seem partisan," and that the views of invited Distinguished Lecturer Ralph Nader do not necessarily reflect the views of the SGA.

The resolution's sponsors, Senator Keith Gates and Senator Dustin Floyd shared their arguments supporting its passage.

"I want Nader to come. I want him to express his views and give everybody the chance to hear his views, but we don't want people to say, 'Well, there's a bunch of hippies up here at Northwestern. They're bringing in Ralph Nader,'" Gates said. "We don't want people to think that. We want people to think that the SGA is neither for nor against Ralph Nader, and we want to be neutral in this."

> "This (Nader resolution) is not a make-or-break issue that will directly impact the students. We should not be spending so much time discussing this."
>
> **Greg Comeaux**
> SGA president, after about 20 minutes of debate

Floyd said, "This is nothing big, guys. I would do it if Ralph Nader, George W. Bush or Mickey Mouse was coming. I'm just saying that we don't need to seem partisan on any issue."

However, many senators argued that this resolution was unnecessary, and SGA Vice President Scott Manguno suggested that a senator move to postpone the resolution indefinitely or dispose of it without taking a direct vote on it.

However, the senate did vote on the resolution, and it originally failed by a significant margin. However, Floyd moved to reconsider the vote, and the senate decided to resume discussion.

Senator Mindy McConnell, the commissioner of academic affairs, was in charge of organizing the Nader lecture. She argued in favor of the resolution because of the response she got last year when the SGA attempted unsuccessfully to invite sex talk show host Sue Johanson to lecture at NSU.

"I particularly take this issue to heart because last year when I was trying to bring in Sue Johanson, I was accused of being some liberal sex maniac, and I'm not," McConnell said. "It's like just because we choose a speaker, we're automatically supporting their views."

During the second discussion SGA President Greg Comeaux advised the senate to wrap up its debating.

"This not a make-or-break issue that will directly impact the students. We should not be spending so much time discussing this," Comeaux said.

The outcome of the senate's second vote was very different from the first, and after about 20 minutes of debate, the resolution was passed by a significant margin.

Official results for the senate's votes were unavailable at press time.

Two other resolutions were passed by a unanimous vote. The first resolution stated that the University should have the fountain at the main entrance of campus cleaned at least once a month. The second resolution stated that the University should replace the cracked pedestal tables on Norma Hill.

The senate also unanimously approved the appointment of freshman Kelli Menard to a senator-at-large position.

The only new piece of legislation currently on next week's agenda is a bill proposing to revise the section of the SGA by-laws concerning organizational grants. Some of the proposed changes are replacing the term "chairman" with "chairperson" in order to avoid being gender biased, changing the current deadline for organizational grant applications from a set date to a date that will be determined by the senate each semester and allowing the Organizational Grants Committee to approve grants under $100 without approval of the senate.



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An ancient Talent

Story and captions by **Ricky Fridrick**

Photos by **Cheryl Thompson** and **Chris Reich**

Art by **Diamantis Cassis**

Iconography is one of the oldest forms of Christian art in the world, dating back to the 6th century A.D., if not earlier. It includes symbolism, color and texture that is created to tell a story.

This style of art has four major forms. The first and most frequently used form is egg tempera icon painting. Egg yolk and tempera paint are combined to provide a subtle glossy affect upon the canvas.

The second form is metal tooling. The artist takes flat sheets of metal such as gold, silver, copper, brass, etc. and presses a biblical image into the surface.

The third form is pen and ink drawing. The artist uses pen and ink creates a simple biblical image without color or intensity.

Bill Bryant, coordinator of the art program, said iconography is Greek Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic in origin. It is an art that requires much patience and time. Some pieces can take weeks to months to complete. The art was produced in the past for those who were illiterate to tell stories of the Old and New Testaments in great detail. Some believe iconography is an art inspired by God.

An NSU alumnus, Diamantis Cassis, is a Byzantine Iconographer known throughout America. He was born in Galaxidion, Greece, and later moved to Shreveport, La. where he received his secondary education and later attended NSU for a degree in art. He now resides in Houston, Texas, where he still produces his artwork.

Works by Cassis are on display at NSU through Nov. 6th in the Orville G. Hanchey Art Gallery. The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The exhibit — which will also include secular work he created, including some done while he was in college — is free and open to the public.

For more information on his work, visit his Web site at www.byzantineiconsbycassis.com or call (713) 789-8807.

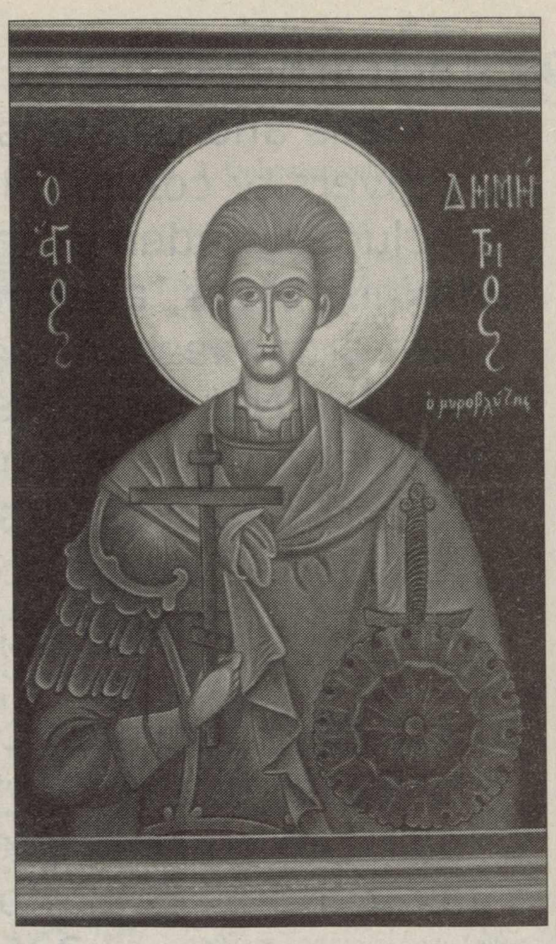


Right: This shows the Crucifixion of Christ. It illustrates the suffering he endured for all of the sins of the world.

Right: From right, retired Vice President of Academic Affairs Thomas Burns and his wife Abiah view St. Irene Chrysovalantou in a frontal position, bearing in her right hand a cross and her left hand in an open position. Below her is St. Michael the archangel and St. John the Baptist. At John's feet there is a severed head upon a silver platter, symbolizing John's martyrdom for proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God.

Below: St. Demetrios, holding a Byzantine cross in his right hand while holding a sword and shield in his left.





Above: This piece is of the Holy Family. In the Center of the Icon is Christ the Teacher. In his left hand is the Holy Scriptures, telling his faithful to live his word. His right hand is in a position that marks him as a teacher.
Below: This piece tells of the final feast of Christ with his apostles. It symbolizes the institution of his church.



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Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. at **El Nopal restaurant** on La. Hwy. 1. Anyone who is interested in joining us should contact **Belmari Madera at 652-0302 or LaTosha Lewis at 357-5537.**

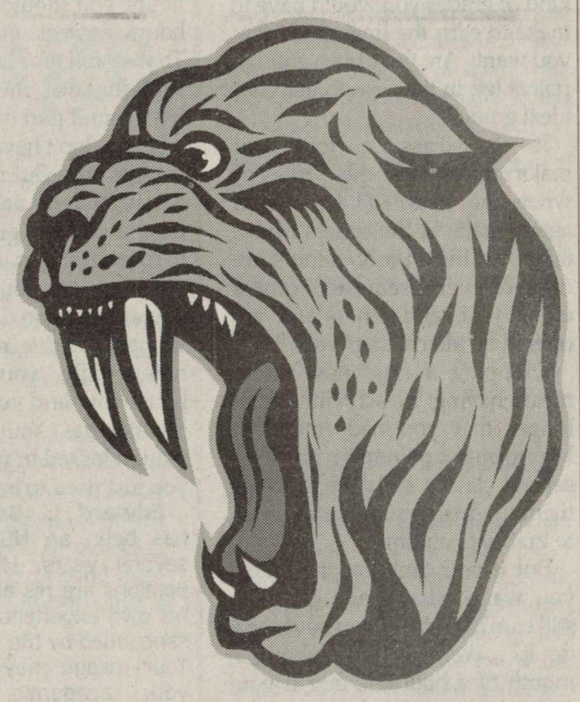
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Column

To drop or not to drop, that is the question



Edward L. Boudreaux III

Tomorrow is the last day to drop classes, and if you haven't checked your midterm grades, do it RIGHT NOW! You can check your grades by going to www2.nsula.edu, signing in and clicking on grades. Now that you know your grades, you have to decide whether or not to stay in all your classes.

If you are happy with your grades, great, keep studying and you will do well. But if your 4.0 semester is not turning out like you had hoped, you have some decisions to make.

Dropping a class should be your last resort, but it's a resort that just about all college students exercise from time to time. The trick is not to exercise this right too often. Dropping lots of classes looks poorly on your academic record, especially if graduate school is in your future. Grad schools know that you only drop a class if you are getting a "D" or "F."

But before you drop that class, ask yourself a few questions: does my midterm grade accurately reflect my current grade, if this class is a requirement for my major/minor, when is the next time it will be offered, and if I stay in this class what grade will I have at the end of the semester?

It's been almost two weeks since midterm grades have been turned in, have you taken any tests or quizzes that might've significantly changed your grade? Consult your syllabus to see what kind of grades you would have to make to earn the final grade that you want. Are there even enough points left in the class to get your ideal grade?

If the class is for your major/minor ask the professor when the class will be offered again. Some of the classes I have taken for my majors/minors are offered every semester, others every year, and others still are offered on alternating years.

Dropping a class now could mean having to stay in school longer that you had intended. My former roommate dropped several classes and had to make them up during summer in order to graduate on time.

But if you can't get the grade you want, what grade can you still earn? And will you be able to do it? We only have about a month of school left, and if you aren't doing well in the class right now, then that means you have about five weeks to learn 16 weeks of material. A daunting task, you should think carefully about whether or not you going to put in the necessary time. It will mean studying more, and I would suggest getting a study partner and/or tutor.

If you don't want to stay in the class for a grade, you can audit the class instead of dropping it. I have audited a class because I knew I would retake it later. With an audit, you still go to class, and could take the tests if you want, but you won't receive a grade for the class.

If you decide to audit or drop the class you can do it online, or go to the registrar's office in Roy Hall, but make sure you do it by the end of business tomorrow.

There is no reason to feel bad about dropping an occasional class, perhaps you had too many other classes, hours at work or had a personal crisis in the first part of the semester. I have over 225 earned hours at NSU where I have dropped two classes and audited one. You have to know when you have too much on your plate, and then push some of it into the dumpster.

Forget about your dropped class for now, and stay focused on the classes you are still enrolled in. Work to make those grades go up as you will have more time to devote to them. If you plan on retaking the course, keep your notes, quizzes and tests because they may be helpful in the future.

As far as your other classes, you should at least review your notes from each class that evening. Remember you are supposed to be putting in about three hours of studying for every class hour. Meaning if you are enrolled in 15 hours, you should be studying 45 hours a week outside of class. That's a full time job! If you aren't studying that much you might have found part of your problem.

If you don't have a study group yet, get one. But make sure your fellow students are there to study for the test, not gripe about how hard the test is going to be. When studying, tell yourself how well you are going to do. You've gone to class, you've read over your notes daily, you've done the homework and you are studying the material. You have the information locked in your brain, now you just need to be confident.

Edward L. Boudreaux III has been an NSU student for several years. His advice and opinions are his alone, based on his own experience, and are not sanctioned by *the Current Sauce.* Your milage may vary. Consult your academic advisor for detailed assistance with and advice on class scheduling.

Letters to the Editor

Academic Freedom and the Professors

Dear Editor,

In response to faculty member, Holly Stave's submission on Academic Freedom and the situation regarding James Means, I would like to express my disgust at the bias she has displayed. I believe that professors should be able to discuss their political views in a manner that reflects the integrity of this institution. What I mean by this is: the student should be allowed to offer a rebuttal without the fear of belittlement, insult, or punishment. Academic freedom refers to the right of the professor and the student to express their views. But in order to be truly educated, a student must be offered both sides of a debate or issue. Ms. Stave has expressed her willingness to teach Marx, Freud, Darwin, and the Koran. Why not also teach Friedman or Hayek, a psychologist that did not make up most of his findings, or the Bible? So, in reality you are doing just as you said, "locking doors and giving way to ignorance." Professors should ignite the process of thought and reasoning. They are not there, to as you said, profess or preach; normally these practices are found in a church, and should probably stay there.

If your readers are interested in this they can read more about the right to academic freedom at www.studentsforacademic freedom.org. Maybe it is time for our University to adopt the Academic Bill of Rights to protect the student body from the tyranny of political bias and discrimination. As for James Means' comments, it would seem that a professor from Louisiana's Scholar's College could come up with something a little bit more mature and intelligent than "pig" or "drooling redneck." His comments were embarrassing andobviously not well conceived. We need to ensure that we are getting the full story.

David McDaniel
Undergraduate Student

(Editor's Note: The Scholars' College curriculum does include study of the Bible.)

Where are the sports?

Dear Sirs:

I know that your time and space is limited, but as an avid NSU fan, I would like more on sports. All sports prepare all ye long for their individual sports and should be recognized for their efforts. Baseball had a home run derby and an alumni tournament two weeks ago and have seen nothing on the web site or in your paper. I would li to see an article on this event if possible.

Thani
Mary LeDo

(Editor's note: The derby and tou nament were briefly mentioned in th Oct. 9 print edition issue.)

> **If one reads a newspaper** only for information, one does not learn the truth, not even the truth about the paper. The truth is that the newspaper is not a statement of contents but the contents themselves; and more than that, **it is an instigator.**
>
> **Karl Kraus**
> **Austrian satirist**

Columns received: 1
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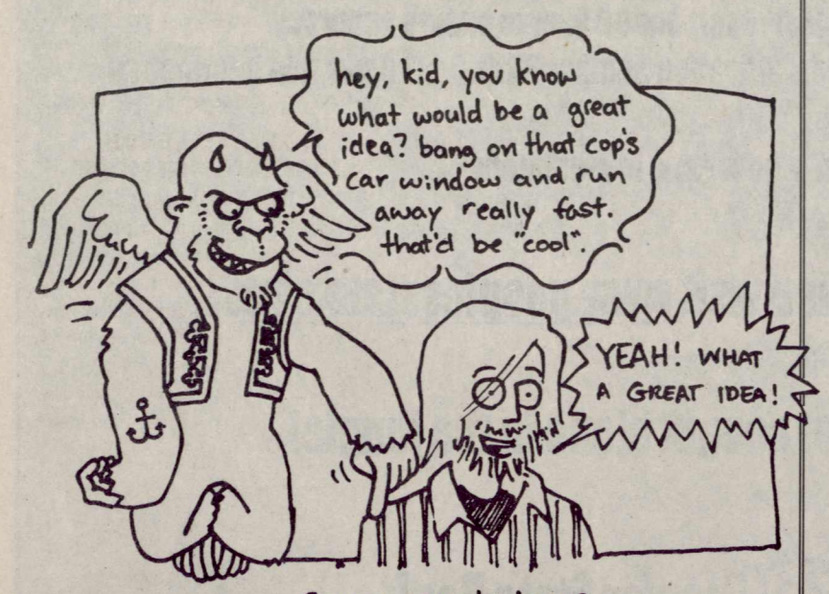
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Movie review

Semi-funny 'Scary Movie 3'

★★★ (out of five)

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What's your favorite Scary Movie? The third one is, of course. "Scary Movie 3" is, sadly enough, the funniest of the Scary Movie series.

With a star-studded cast that includes comedians such as George Carlin, Eddie Griffin and Leslie Nielson, and appearances by popular rappers such as Ja Rule, Fat Joe, Method Man and Queen Latifah, "Scary Movie 3" has become a pop culture phenomena.

The movie opens with Pamela Anderson and Jenny McCarthy replaying the beginning of "The Ring," but with better sexual jokes and a great fight scene where they bash each other with chairs, laptops, and other paraphernalia in the room. Oh, did I mention that they are wearing private school uniforms that made Britney Spears, in her first music video, look like Mother Teresa (who was also made fun of later on in the movie)?

As the opening skit progresses, Pamela Anderson winds up being so scared that she rips her shirt off and throws it on a parrot cage. Where the parrot came from, nobody knows, it was there just so the audience could see Anderson run away in her bra. I am still trying to figure out where she got another shirt to wear as she climbs the stairs back up to the bedroom to find McCarthy's character dead.

From there the plot line of "The Ring" merges with the plot line from "Signs" with bits of "8 Mile" added in for good measure. Cindy Campbell (Anna Faris) is now an anchorwoman. After watching the videotape that kills her friend Brenda (Regina Hall), Cindy is led by clues from the tape to the farm with the mysterious crop circle. Tom (Charlie Sheen) owns the farm where the crop circle appears, and his brother is George (Simon Rex), Cindy's soon to be love interest. George is a farm rapper, and after a

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What's your favorite scary movie?



Jeff Dison
Major: Computer Information Systems
Favorite scary movie:
28 Days Later



Erica Bonnette
Major: Art
Favorite scary movie:
The Exorcist III



Jennifer Carter
Major: Early Childhood Education
Favorite scary movie:
The Ring



Jessica Vercher
Major: Hospitality Management
Favorite scary movie:
The Sixth Sense



Therea Dollman
Major: Health and Human Performance
Favorite scary movie:
Signs

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Summer has faded away and fall is upon us once again. You know what that means…well, a week or so of illness for many of us, but let's not dwell on that. What the beginning of autumn should make you think of is that wacky festival of candles, candy and cats. That's right, boys and girls: Halloween is here.

In addition to the obligatory parties, costumes and junk food, another popular Halloween tradition is taking in a scary movie or two. But what horror flicks are the favorites of NSU students? The Sauce scoured the campus to find out. Here are some of your answers.

Most students preferred more modern films to cult classics like "Frankenstein" or "The Mummy." Jessica Vercher, a freshman hospitality management major, cited "The Sixth Sense" as her favorite screamer film. Her reason? "That boy was creeped-out." Ah, kids are so cute when they're paralyzed with terror.

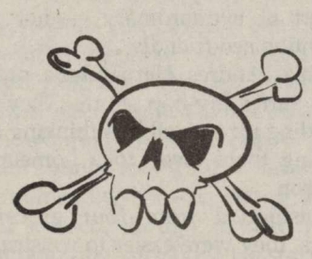
Freshman early childhood education major Jennifer Carter prefers the recent box office smash "The Ring." "I liked the scene where that girl crawls out of the television," she said. "I wasn't expecting that."

At least one NSU student can still appreciate the fear that extra-terrestrials can inspire, even if they're not as brutishly horrifying as those in the "Alien" films. Theresa Dollman, a sophomore health and human performance major, said "Signs" was her favorite, citing its realism and believability as the traits that really made her squirm in her seat.

On the other hand, computer information systems major Jeff Dison went for the tense style of "28 Days Later." "It was a wonderfully produced and directed film," he said. Not to mention its gratuitous gore, and gore is always a plus," he said.

But one should never overlook the humorous side of many horror films. Erica Bonnette, a freshman art major, said that "The Exorcist III" was her favorite Halloween flick. Bonnette said, "It's funny when the old lady in the hospital gets possessed and crawls upside down across the ceiling." Who can argue with logic like that?

So why not join your fellow students in renting a horror movie or two, kicking back with some popcorn, and squealing (or giggling, take your pick) the night away? After all, you know you think Michael Meyers is sexy…admit it.



Halloween tips for every age



By Shonna Parker Sullivan
Class Writer

It is that time of year again! Tricks and treats will be the concentration of this Friday night's ghoulish and ghostly events. Fun will be on the top of the list for students and for students with children. Ghosts, witches, and vampires are not the only thing to be afraid of on Halloween. Accidents occur quite-often on Halloween night. Here are five simple safety tips that may aid in creating a great Halloween night.

1. When trick-or-treating, apply reflective tape to costumes.
2. Carry a flashlight.
3. Only visit well-lit houses.
4. Don't eat any candy until it has been inspected.
5. Consider having or attending a Halloween party instead of trick-or-treating.

Halloween Party Tips

If you do decide to have a Halloween party you are probably going to want to throw a party that will be talked about for weeks afterward. Halloween parties are a great alternative to trick-or treating. Here are a few party tips for a terrifying good time. First you should pick a theme for your party, such as, a graveyard or a haunted house. In order to make the party memorable try a few games. Have a scavenger hunt in the dark, bob for apples, and have a costume contest. Enjoying urban legends and ghost stories around a fire is usually a highlight of the evening. Always be sure to decorate your party. Some decoration suggestions are to use, candles, jack-o-lanterns, spider webs, fog machines, and creepy sound effects. Make sure that you have plenty of refreshments and always lots of fake blood.

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For those of you who have no idea about how to make creepy, crawly refreshments for your party, there are a few easy recipes that even college students won't have any trouble to follow. No fright night will be the same without the pumpkin orange popcorn balls. All you need is 8 c. popped popcorn, 2/3 c. light corn syrup, 2/3 c. granulated sugar, and 1/2 tsp. salt. Combine the corn syrup, sugar and salt in a large kettle and heat on medium heat while stirring until dissolved. Add the popcorn to the kettle and began tossing. Cook for an additional 5 minutes until mixture becomes very sticky. Remove from heat.

Shape popcorn into balls with clean hands and cool. Wrap the balls in plastic wrap and seal tightly with a twister tie. Before wrapping add orange food coloring to get that pumpkin orange color.

Fake Blood

The last recipe is for that sticky red substance that seems to get everybody talking at the party. Fake blood is relatively easy to make. All you need is 1c. Karo Syrup, 1 Tbsp Water, 2 Tbsp Red Food Coloring, 1 tsp Yellow Food-Coloring. Mix together in a mixing bowl and you're done. Try adding blue or yellow for a different shade.

When you are all finished with the preparations just sit back and enjoy all the fun. Don't forget to slip some gummy worms and plastic spiders into the punch or beverage of choice for a screaming good time. Have a happy Halloween and a freaky fright night.



Natchitoches sponsors bewitching childrens' program

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On Oct. 31, the city of Natchitoches will sponsor their third annual "Witch Way to Main Street," an event hosted by Front Street businesses.

The event will take place in downtown Natchitoches, from 5:30-8 p.m., with residents and local businesses participating. Main Street Manager Courtney Hornsby said the event was started after Sept. 11 to try and make Halloween safe for children 12 and under. Hornsby said the event is designed to be a safe and structured environment for families.

To ensure safety, the Natchitoches City Fire and Police Departments will be on hand throughout the event. There will also be a visit from McGruff, the Crime Dog. Hornsby said that for the safety of families, Front Street is blocked off from the Church Street Bridge to the Ford dealership during the event.

Hornsby said that the activity is geared towards Natchitoches residents and that "it gets residents and students to the downtown area."

Hornsby said the event is designed to give children more than just candy. Tours will be available for the haunted Natchitoches Parish Library bookmobile. Children will be able sign up for a library card.

The Natchitoches Police and Fire Departments will give tours as well. Hornsby said the program grows every year, and so far 18 businesses have signed up for this year's event. Participating businesses will have a sign from the City of Natchitoches posted. Hornsby said, "Local businesses can sign up until the day before."

J. Michael Kinny, of the Book Merchant, has participated since the event's conception three years ago. Kinny said that his favorite part is the children.

"The kids that come up in the costumes, and, they are so funny," Kinny said. "The costumes are great. Sometimes they're just pieces of cardboard that they paint with watercolors and sometimes they're pretty elaborate."

Kinny said that children must be in costume to participate. Kinny also said that he usually closes his business early on day of the event, because it is not about business; it is about the children. While in costume, he said that he usually passes out about fifteen hundred pieces of candy each year.

Emily Laurent, of Plantation Treasures, has been participating in the event for two years. Laurent said that her favorite part is "to dress up and see the little kids in their cute little costumes."

All candies are distributed with safety in mind.

Laurent said, "All candies are pre-packaged and not homemade."

Other events in the evening will include face painting and a D.J. to play spooky Halloween music. The music will accompany Boogie on the Bricks for the children. There is no cost to participate in the evening's events. Trick or treating will continue until all treats are gone.



What's Current?

Diabetes Awareness Screening set for Nov. 5

The NSU Department of Health and Human Performance and the School of Nursing will hold a free blood sugar screening and distribute educational information on diabetes from 1-3 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby.

The screening is open to students and the Natchitoches community. Participants are asked to not eat anything for 8-12 hours before the screening.

For more information, contact the department at 357-5126.

Local cajun dance, free lessons Saturday

The Cajun Steppers of Natchitoches will sponsor a dance from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1105 East Fifth St.

Tickets are $7.50 per person, and free dance lessons are available from 6-7 p.m. with paid admission.

The event will feature music by Don Fontenot et Les Amies De La Louisiane, and food will be served.

For more information, call Harold Collier 352-4712, Wayne King, 448-1832 or Shirley Dunagan 352-1618.

Through the Looking Glass

Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

Weird news from around the world

SURE, COME BACK ANY TIME

Two men stole beer at gunpoint from a gas station in Stuart, Fla., but one of them left his ID card behind. He called later and asked if he could come back and get it. Permission granted. The cops were waiting.

STOP, THIEF! ... OH, NEVER MIND

After her dog pooped all over the kitchen floor, a woman in London cleaned up the doo doo, put it in a bag and went outside to drop it in the trash. As she crossed the sidewalk, a youthful mugger on a bike knocked her down, stole the bag and sped off.

WHO NEEDS THE COPS?

A day after a thief stole his pick-up truck, which had the key stuck in the ignition, a northern California man went to buy another vehicle. As a friend drove him to a dealership, he spotted the stolen truck headed toward them on the other side of the road. They made a U-turn and followed it to the thief's home. When he went inside, the owner stole it back.

LADIES, PLEASE, I CAN EXPLAIN

An Internet Romeo in England hooked up with four women he had been sweet-talking via e-mail, calling them all "princess" or "sexy" so he wouldn't accidentally use the wrong name. He was successfully juggling them all until he inadvertently sent the same e-message to the four of them, showing all of their addresses. They contacted each other and hatched a plot: one of them arranged a date with him at a local pub, and all of them were there waiting when he showed up. An angry confrontation ensued.

HEY BABY, I'VE GOT A CRAZY IDEA ...

A middle-aged couple in Tennessee had a bit too much to drink and went out on their front lawn where they commenced making love in the middle of the afternoon. The lovebirds were arrested for indecent exposure and public intoxication.

SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE, LET'S LEAVE

Swarms of starlings have taken up residence on the rooftops of Rome as they do every year, sending blizzards of droppings down onto the tourists. In response, officials have recorded the sound the birds make when there is danger, and play it over loudspeakers every night to scare them away.

AND TOO STUPID FOR A LIFE OF CRIME

Police arrested a man minutes after he robbed two neighboring banks in downtown Miami one right after the other. He told them he did it because, "I'm too ugly to get a job."

YEP, I BELIEVE WE HAVE OUR MAN

Even though the con artist police arrested in Vancouver, British Columbia, had used 22 different aliases and birth dates, it wasn't hard to identify him. They knew who he was because he had "Made in Canada" tattooed on his rear end.

AND ALWAYS LEAVE THEM WANTING MORE

A publicly funded support group in Australia that was supposed to be producing pamphlets featuring health care information for prostitutes, instead was telling them how to keep their customers satisfied. Among the tips: "Never wear shoes in bed" and "Always act like you enjoy it." Their funding has been stopped.



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fight with Tom, gets onto a bus that will bring him to 'Da Hood,' which is displayed on the front of the bus. From there "8 Mile" takes over and George takes on Fat Joe in a rapping contest...and wins. This is where Simon Cowell makes his appearance. In one of the best scenes in the movie, after proclaiming how bloody awful all the rappers are, everyone on the stage takes out their guns and proceeds to pop several caps in his ass... and arms, legs, and chest. It was truly a beautiful sight to behold.

After taking pot shots at "American Idol," "Scary Movie 3" moves on to parody the beer commercial with the song about twins. Michael Jackson (who was used to parody "The Others") is spoofed as an alien and Charlie Sheen holds him out the window asking, "How do you like it?" The movie even crosses the line into playing on the sex scandals within the Catholic Church. From here the story does not get much better. While the movie was funny and entertaining, "Scary Movie 3" was also a great disappointment.

First, there is the highly publicized scene from the trailers with Eddie Griffin as Orpheus, and Queen Latifah as Shaneequa. Shaneequa enters in the middle of his meeting with Cindy and ruins his 'prophesizing' about Cindy being 'The One.' Then Latifah, pot in hand, threatens to 'prophesize this pot up (his) ass.' It was completely cut from the movie! Latifah is the one that sees the future, and Orpheus barges in to watch a Lakers game.

Second, does anyone remember the original title of the movie? It was "Scary Movie 3: Episode I - Lord of the Brooms," and was supposed to spoof on "The Lord of the Rings," "Harry Potter," and "Star Wars." Well, there are no parodies of "Star Wars" or "Harry Potter," and "The Lord of the Rings" gets a three-second cameo when Pamela Anderson answers the phone to a really bad imitation of Gollum's voice crying out for his 'precious.'

The joke about the priest sex scandals started off beautifully when Father Muldoon (Darrell Hammond) comes to baby-sit Cindy's nephew and brings along a nice red wine and candles to set the mood. However, the joke falls flat when it fails to reappear later in the movie. Aside from a phone call to Cindy out of nowhere to assure her that her nephew is fine, it's just forgotten. Finally, Tabitha (Marny Eng), the evil girl from the videotape that kills everyone in seven days, looked more like a rip-off of the possessed girl in Les Nielson's 1990 movie "Repo sessed," a spoof of "The Exo cist."

Too many of the scenes seem as if they were actually long but were later hacked away at the cutting room floor. At be the movie rates three stars out five, but only because what w left of the movie was hilario and without the crude bodi fluid jokes of its predecesso But don't worry; if this insta ment of "Scary Movie" does step up to the challenge, you c always catch "Scary Movie coming in 2004 to spoof supe heroes everywhere.

3 NSU students among Natchitoches Idol semifinalists

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Eight semi-finalists have been named in the first-ever Natchitoches Idol Contest.

The semi-finalists were determined during the preliminary competition on Oct. 25 when 15 people competed for the title of the first-ever Natchitoches Idol. The semi-finalists were:

Renn Ardoin, 17, of Gibsland; "Boogie" Bedgood, 42, of Goldonna; Karen Burns, 21, of Alexandria, a student at NSU; Jennifer Honeycutt, 16, of Robeline; Desmond Meeks, 20, of Natchitoches, a student at NSU; Jenny Mitchell, 20, of Coushatta, a student at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; Conor Walton, 19, of Natchitoches, a student at NSU and Scott Weatherford, 35, of Winnfield.

Contestants were judged on various factors including quality of singing voice, style, presentation and crowd response. The eight semi-finalists will compete again at a date to be announced.

The final winner will open for the headlining act at the Annual Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival on April 3. The first place winner receives $300 in cash and up to four hours free time in a recording studio to record a demo, which will be placed in the hands of at least two record companies in Nashville. The second place winner receives $200, and the thi place winner receives $100.

Natchitoches Idol is sponsore by the Bank of Montgome Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festiv and Baldridge-Dumas Commun cations, which includes su radio stations as 100.7 KZBL, 97 KDBH, 99.9 KTEZ and 107 KWLV.

Students create costumes from grocery bags

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The assignment: create a wearable piece from brown paper bags. The tools: an adhesive —Elmer's Glue and/or an acrylic paint medium. And make sure none of the sticky stuff shows.

The students in Miami's Design & Architectural Senior High Advanced Placement 3-D class had one week. The results: nothing short of extraordinary — not to mention eco-friendly.

Take Andres Hernandez's project: surfer hip-hop shorts. They're holding up so well he's thinking of giving them away to a homeless person.

Fashioned from four grocery bags, they were easier to construct than the ingenious young man first thought, although he admits that he got help from his grandmother, an amateur seamstress. Laying out four bags, Andres pasted them together and cut them into pants as if they were actual fabric. His only hitch: keeping them up. So he cut a hole in the "waist band" and strung through makeshift twine. Voila, instant adjustable drawstring.

The grocery store ran out of bags on Tanya Granados' visit. So she made do with a dozen or so white ones from the bakery section. The outcome: a cross between a bridal train and a female bullfighter's capa. ``It was spontaneous. I had just seen the movie Talk to Her and wanted to do something Spanish."

Chanel Drummond meticulously folded her bags into pleats to form a crisp skirt, top and rectangular hat that beckoned the nickname "lamp girl." A visitor suggested an alternate — "pleated princess," — which Chanel seemed to prefer.

Jodi Starkey had a Bahamas Queen carnival theme going — with a to-the-floor sheath and such elaborate details as fans (front and back), curly-Qs, train, fan earrings and an African-inspired trademark Erykah Badu head wrap. Even an arm bracelet, crumpled and wrinkled from leftovers. "I don't waste any bags," said the Trinidad native.

At a distance, Gabriella Gonzalez' apparently effortless creation — "Evil Twisted Night" — looks as if it's right off the catwalk. The pink-haired Gonzalez put together the ensemble, a flared tutu-like skirt, creepy Edward Scissorhands-esque glove, corset top and ruffled hat, in about an hour.

Marcel Allende's gas mask was inspired by the Manhattan Project, he said. Allende treated the paper with a medium gloss and crumpled it until the fibers broke down and took on the consistency of leather (the acrylic paint medium makes the paper more bendable, stiff and shiny). The only nonpaper accessory — goggles.

"It was OK, for effect, to bend the rules here," said principal Dr. Stacey Mancuso. The only problem she could foresee: ``He has a little trouble breathing in it."

Added Howard Miller, chairman of the advisory board at the school, "We weren't surprised by the amazing talent we saw. Out of creative minds comes genius." A visitor shakes her head in awe. "You should have been here last year," Miller said, ``we sent them out to the garbage dump to make stuff out of inner tubes."

HOW TO DO IT

Want to be a paper bag player this Halloween? To construct such an outfit, says DASH principal Dr. Stacey Mancuso, you'll need a couple of things.

—Ordinary paper shopping ba from any grocery store.

—Elmer's or any other whi glue.

—Acrylic medium, found at a art store.

—Sharp scissors.

—No fear. But if you mess up t first time, all you've wasted a paper bags, glue and a couple hours. "Don't be inhibited by a preconceived notion of what it going to look like," Mancuso say Just go for it.

—Creativity. Face it, putting a outfit together out of paper isn everyone's bag.

—Basic sewing/tailoring skill at the very least. Alas, there is n book on how to craft clothing fro paper bags, but a good start may b "Sewing For Dummies" (Wile John & Sons, $19.99).

For more ideas, click o www.smithsonianmag.si.edu t read about innovative Hawaiia artist Moses, famous for his pape hat designs and one of the inspira tions for the Design & Architectura Senior High assignment.

Student ministry organizations celebrate 40 days of fellowship

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The grounds of NSU echoed Wednesday night as students from Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Catholic Student Organization, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Foundation came together to praise God and celebrate the conclusion of The 40 Days of Purpose, a book of reflections that students read day by day for forty days to help them grow spiritually.

The book is broken into five purposes, providing students with what every human being's purpose on earth is, to worship God.

"It's really blessed me" said Reed Thomas, a student at NSU, "It has helped me grow in my spi itual relationship with Christ."

The celebration began at 8 pm the practice field behind Turp Stadium. The event provided st dents with games, praise and wo ship, testimonies from fellow NS students, and fellowship.

"It is awesome when fello brothers and sisters of Christ ca come together as community worship God." said Tim, a stude at NSU, "It gives you a feeling lik you're in one big family."

"This has been a wonderful pro ect for the students," Said Re Ellis Newman, campus minister The Foundation. "We hope to th every year for our students an hope that it will grow in num bers."

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16, and the hopes of the Demon faithful were fading fast.

On the ensuing possession the Demons had just begun to find a rhythm on offense when a questionable chop block penalty erased a 14-yard Vinson to Sampson completion, setting the offense up for second and 18.

On the next play, Vinson threw just his second interception of the year killing the Demons' chances. However, just two plays later the defense forced a fumble and Neil Ponstein recovered at the 27-yard line, giving Northwestern one last chance to mount a comeback with only 3:30 left.

The Demons picked up where they left off, throwing and completing consecutive passes to Sampson in the flats for good yardage. On third and two from the six-yard line Vinson took it to the end zone, scoring on a well-timed quarterback draw.

Despite the score, the Demons still needed to convert the two-point attempt to give themselves a shot at a homecoming miracle. On the conversion attempt Vinson dropped back, found his favorite target standing just inside the goal line, and delivered a perfect pass, only to see it slip through Ziegler's hands.

Vinson carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Demons in Johnese's absence. The sophomore threw for 220 yards and ran for another 78, including an impressive 44-yard sprint to pay dirt. Ziegler led the receivers with six grabs for 96 yards, while freshman Derrick Doyle contributed with four catches and 46 yards.

Northwestern's defense stepped up in the second half allowing only 92 yards after the break, but it was too little, too late this time.

Nicholls State converted 66 percent of their third downs, including eight of nine in the crucial first 30 minutes, probably the most significant statistic of the game.

The Demons will take a welcomed week off this Saturday, before traveling to Sam Houston State on Nov. 8 when they attempt to get themselves back in the playoff hunt.

College football faces another Separation Saturday part II

By Mike Huguenin
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The Orlando Sentinel

If Oct. 11 was "Separation Saturday," then we're preparing for "Separation Saturday II" this week. There are huge games in every BCS league except one (the ACC, of course, but more on that later).

Here's the rundown:

Big East: Miami at Virginia Tech.

Big Ten: Michigan at Michigan State.

Big 12: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma and Nebraska at Texas.

Pac-10: Washington State at USC.

SEC: Florida vs. Georgia in Jacksonville.

The six-pack of games will involve seven or eight of the teams in this week's BCS top 10, and the games will go a long way toward determining the conference titles. In addition, Miami and Oklahoma are the only teams who can determine their own fates; in other words, they are the only teams that know they'll be in the Sugar Bowl if they win out.

There are some intriguing subplots to each game as well:

Virginia Tech gets another chance to show it truly is an elite program. The Hokies have lost nine games since the start of the 2001 season, i.e. since Michael Vick left. Plus, Tech is 3-34 all-time against teams ranked in the top 10, including 2-19 under Frank Beamer (those wins came over teams ranked ninth_West Virginia in 1989 and Texas in the 1995 Sugar Bowl).

Michigan State basically has been overlooked since it lost to Louisiana Tech at home on Sept. 13. But the Spartans have risen to No. 9 in the poll by winning five times since that loss. They are the only unbeaten team in Big Ten play and can take another step toward the Rose Bowl if they beat the Wolverines. The schools have met five times since 1974 when both were ranked and the Spartans have won just once, in 1999.

Nebraska and Texas each have blown out their past two foes since losing big games on Oct. 11, the Huskers to Missouri and the Longhorns to Oklahoma. The winner of this one restores some of its lost luster.

Oklahoma State has won its past two meetings with Oklahoma, winning by 10 last season when the Sooners were ranked third and by three in 2001 when OU was fourth. Oklahoma was ranked No. 1 when they edged the Cowboys by five in 2000. What does this all mean? It means OU may have a mental block when it comes to its cross-state rival.

Actually, in the past two seasons, Okie State has taken advantage of OU's aggressive cornerbacks and hit some big plays in the passing game. If that happens again, shame on the OU coaches.

Washington State is a game ahead of USC in the loss column in the Pac-10. The Trojans were expected to be good this season. The Cougars? They supposedly were hoping they could finish in the top half of the league. Instead, new Coach Bill Doba has the Cougars playing extremely well again; remember, they won the league last season, and even though they lost their star quarterback (Jason Gesser) and their coach (Mike Price), a repeat is possible if they beat the Trojans.

Florida has owned Georgia of late, winning 12 of the past 13. Indeed, last season, Georgia's best team of the past 20 years lost to arguably Florida's worst team in 13 years. This season, a Florida team that had been left for dead comes in on a roll and Georgia comes in off back-to-back desultory performances. "I don't know if we've got enough juice left," Bulldogs Coach Mark Richt said. "We barely had enough juice the last two weeks. We're as vulnerable right now as we've ever been." Is Richt pulling a psych job, or is he being realistic? The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party becomes even more interesting.

The MAC has two bowl tie-ins, so things could get mighty interesting in the next month. Right now, Bowling Green, Miami of Ohio and Northern Illinois are playing well enough to deserve bowl bids. There's also Marshall, the league's premier program and a school that puts fans in the seats at bowls. It's mighty likely that two of those schools will be left at home for the postseason.

The war of words between Shaq and Kobe: Is there a truce?

By Sam Smith
KRT Campus
Chicago Tribune

So what did everyone expect? Fat or was that phat? Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant wrestling at midcourt?

"In almost every basketball team I've been involved with since high school," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, "there have been situations of young men searching for their roles and their pecking order on the team. Basically, it's what we're seeing in all this. When men get a little older, they resolve things differently. But I've seen guys actually on the floor scrapping and fighting each other.

"No," Jackson added with a smile, "we haven't seen that yet."

So let the games begin. The NBA's did here Tuesday night for the 2003-04 season with Los Angeles hosting the Dallas Mavericks.

O'Neal played with his new teammates, Gary Payton and Karl Malone, almost as an afterthought. Bryant didn't play. But before the game, all the Lakers O'Neal and Bryant included did one of those motivational circle dances popular among athletes and kindergarten classes. Bryant and O'Neal were actually were seen touching one another.

Without malice.

This all was important because the real games had begun over the last week. The big kids, O'Neal and Bryant, threw sand, stuck out their tongues and refused to go to the corner. Neutral corners, maybe.

Bryant said O'Neal was fat, selfish and a faker. O'Neal said Bryant was skinny, selfish and not a nice guy. Bryant said he might leave. O'Neal said go ahead. Bryant said nyah, nyah, nyah. The basketball world was aghast! Jackson arched his eyebrows.

"We have to stop and analyze a lot of things going on, really take the whole gestalt as not just here, not just this situation," Jackson said. "There's a lot involved in this picture, and we just have to resolve this and let time heal this as we go through the season. I'd say `disappointed' is the word I'd use, but I was not surprised."

Hey, it is Hollywood, after all, where reality blends with make-believe.

There was a game here Tuesday night, but the Lakers were busy with housekeeping. Bryant was fined, believed to be $10,000, for his incendiary comments about O'Neal to ESPN on Monday. That happened even after Jackson had ordered them to play nice.

Bryant also surprised the Lakers when he told ESPN and not the Lakers he wasn't playing Tuesday because of lingering knee problems, though Jackson said Bryant would play Saturday at Phoenix. Jackson described the team's mood as "somber" after a team meeting Tuesday morning.

It seemed, though, Bryant was going to play nice now. He stayed in the locker room during the game working on his rehabilitation, though occasional "Kobe" chants rose up in the arena. That worried Mavericks coach Don Nelson.

"You could look at Kobe not playing two ways," said Nelson, whose Mavericks had lost 25 straight here before Tuesday night. "Maybe they would show the world they don't need him."

Bryant and O'Neal were on the same page on at least one thing Tuesday. Both muttered obscenities at reporters who tried to question them.

Where all this is going should keep the Lakers' turmoil in the forefront of national coverage.

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11/01 vs. UTSA— 2 p.m.

— SOCCER —
10/31 vs. ULM — 7 p.m.

SPORTS



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The Way I See It

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A quick question to the Demon faithful: Which Demon sports team is playing the best right now? My answer would be the Lady Demon soccer team.

The Lady Demons have rattled off a stretch of four unbeaten games and sit in third place in the Southland Conference standings.

NSU has one game left Friday at the University of Louisiana Monroe, and if the Demons win then they will stay in third place. If they lose, the Lady Demons could fall to the No. 4 spot.

Don't start sweating Demon fans; the top six teams make the tournament. Oh, by the way, Northwestern State hosts the SLC tournament. So, Demons fanatics head out to the Soccer Complex Nov. 6-9 to cheer on our soccer team.

The Northwestern State volleyball team is on the other side of the stick. The Lady Demons are cooling off when they need to be red hot. NSU has lost their last four games and has slid to the No. 7 spot in the standings. The top six teams make the SLC tournament in volleyball.

The volleyball team is hurting right now with the loss of top hitter Priscila Augusto due to an injury and doesn't know when she is coming back. The good news for the Lady Demons is in their final eight games, five of which are in the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum. The bad side is that if the Lady Demons cannot win more five game matches then a post-season birth in the SLC tournament is out of the question.

This past weekend I sat out in the rain to watch our Demons fall to the Nicholls State Colonels. The sports staff at the Current Sauce knew the Colonels would be dangerous, and they proved it by upsetting us at home. NSU is lucky to still be ranked in the polls after the loss at home. The Purple Swarm Defense just could not swarm the option. The NSU defense showed its young age at times against the hard to stop option, just like the Sauce cannot stop the SGA's option to criticize.

The last three games will show how good the Demons are in SLC. First there is a road trip to Sam Houston State that gave the McNeese Cowboys a scare this past weekend. After that NSU travels to Lake Charles to face the Cowboys.

The last home game is the final game of the season and it's against heated-rival Stephen F. Austin for Chief Caddo. There are three games left with a lot riding on each game for the Northwestern State football team.

Personally, I would love to see NSU roll off three straight victories, especially against McNeese and SFA. Then, to top off the end of a great season, an actual playoff win.

Volleyball and soccer's seasons are ending, so students head out and support the teams. You never know what will happen at the games.

Demon superstitions

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A superstition is a belief, practice or rite irrationally maintained by ignorance of the laws of nature or by faith in magic or chance.

Most athletes believe in superstitions and have some ritual or special piece of clothing that they wear during a game for good luck.

Even NSU athletes were quick to admitt what wacky or crazy superstitions they do before a game.

The Demon athletes said they have to wear certain clothes. Some said that people cannot tell them certain things, and other superstitions are just off the wall.

Soccer team senior defender Jennifer Robbins said she wears a special pair of shimmering pink underwear that helps her score goals.

"My whole sophomore year I wore them to every game and had a great year, but this year I finally wore them last week, and I scored my first goal of the season," Robbins said.

Goalkeeper Nelly Latiolais said she puts on her left cleat first every time she plays. Latiolais is leading the Southland Conference in shutouts this season.

Quarterback Davon Vinson wears the same socks the exact same way for each game he plays in. Vinson said that on his right foot he wears a tube sock on top of an ankle sock, and on his left he wears the opposite: an ankle sock on a tube sock.

"I did it once, had a good game, and I've been doing it ever since," Vinson said.

Dawn Normand said the entire softball team wears hair ribbons and does a specific cheer that makes them perform on the same page for the game.

Normand said that her teammate Krystle Nichols sleeps in her catcher's mask before games.

The NSU baseball team has its own set of superstitions. Andre Vige and Chris Salim said never to assume anything, never call a no hitter and never remind a batter of his game record. For example, Vige is three for three today. Vige said he struck out the next at bat.

Vige said he pulls up his shirtsleeves and scrapes the batter's box before he bats.

"When I pitch I reset my hat, and I wipe my forehead before I throw a pitch," Vige said.

Scott Pittenger said he takes off his wristband before an at-bat.

"I just don't feel right if I have it on when I bat," Pittenger said.

Other NSU athletes have odd superstitions or pray to a higher authority for luck.

Northwestern State running back Shelton Sampson said he showers before every game because it makes him feel clean and fresh.

Deep snapper Seth Ortego said he puts a fake FCA tattoo on his right forearm so he can see it before every snap and know Christ is with him during the game.

Defender Tara Powasnik said she chews two pieces of gum during pre-game warm up and throws it away after pre-game. Powasnik said she then puts in a fresh piece when the game starts because she gets nervous.

So, Demon faithful, at the next Demon event you attend, watch these athletes' superstitions or rituals they perform during the game. Watch closely and see if these superstitions help the athletes have a great game or a not so great game.

Athletics Bureau Chief Joshua Barrios contributed to this report. Photo illustrations by Cheryl Thompson.

Soccer team wins four straight

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

NSU vs. Nicholls State

Senior defender Hillarie Marshall scored with just over three mintues remaining in regulation Sunday afternoon to lift visiting Northwestern State over Nicholls State 3-2 in Southland Conference women's soccer, keeping the Demons undefeated in their last four games.

Marshall took a pass from Ashley Hadley and fired a shot that bounded off a Nicholls player and into the net at 86:57 to snap a 2-all deadlock created three minutes earlier when Nicholls' Kim Robinson scored off a corner kick.

Northwestern State (9-8-1 overall, 7-3-1 in the SLC) never trailed Nicholls (3-19, 1-10) in sweeping the season series with the Lady Colonels.

Hadley put the Demons on the board 13:02 into the game with a header off a corner kick by Jacqui Lawrence, with Marshall getting an assist along with Marshall on the play.

Amy Hester made it 2-0 four minutes into the second half, scoring with a shot that glanced off the cross bar and into the net.

Less than a minute later, Nicholls got its first goal when Kristen Fillmore scored from 30 yards away.

NSU vs. Southeastern

Senior defender Hillarie Marshall scored her third goal of the season as the Northwestern State women's soccer team battled to a 1-1 draw Friday with league-leading Southeastern Louisiana in a rematch of last year's Southland Conference Tournament championship game.

The draw, the third straight for SLU, dropped the Lions into second place behind Stephen F. Austin with just over a week left in the regular season. The league's top six teams come to NSU Nov. 6-9 for the SLC Tournament. Northwestern, third in this year's SLC race, beat Southeastern 2-1 in last year's championship game.

The Demons (8-8-1, 6-3-1 SLC), who remained unbeaten in their last three games, scored first as Marshall placed the ball past SLU goalkeeper Nicole Helmig off a corner kick by Natalie Waguespack in the 30th minute of play. Waguespack picked up her second assist on the season and NSU led 1-0 at halftime.

Southeastern (12-1-4, 7-0-3) evened the score at 1-1 late in the second half off a pass by Rena Carillo and Rebecca Glueck to Kendra Oney, with the goal in the 77th minute sending the game into overtime.

"I am very proud of the effort we extended today," said head coach Jimmy Mitchell. "This was a very physical battle and after traveling down today, we didn't play very well."

In overtime, SLU outshot NSU 3-2, after taking 20 tries to six for in regulation. The Lions had eight more corner kicks than the Demons.

NSU goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais, last week's SLC Goalkeeper of the Week, stayed very busy with 11 saves. SLU goalkeeper Nicole Helmig had two saves.

Northwestern plays its final regular-season game at Louisiana-Monroe next Friday, then plays host to the Southland Conference Tournament Nov. 6-9.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Services
Goalkeeper Nellie Latiolais stops a goal from Texas State at home last week. Latiolais leads the Southland Conference in shutouts this season.

Colonels spoil Homecoming 2003

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What's the best way to attack a fast, aggressive defense like Northwestern State's Purple Swarm? Neutralize their speed by making them play assignment football.

Nicholls State was well suited for this task and utilized their triple option offense and misdirection plays to take advantage of the Demon's attacking style on their way to a 40-30 win in front of the disappointed homecoming crowd at Turpin Stadium.

The Colonels jumped out on top early as quarterback Josh Son faked the option then dropped back and found Vince Butler all alone behind the Demon secondary for an easy 85-yard touchdown on just their third play from scrimmage.

The Demons were quick to retaliate, however, as Davon Vinson carried out a play action fake and hit Toby Zeigler for a 62-yard score on the home team's first offensive snap.

The rest of the first half was a seesaw battle that saw the Demons leading 14-10 after one quarter of play, only to fall behind 33-21 before Josh Storrs drilled a 48-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

The kick had cut the margin to a nine point deficit and gave the Demons some momentum heading into the locker room at halftime, but the damage had already been done.

The Demons star tailback Derrick Johnese, who came into the game averaging over 100 yards per game, was injured on just his second carry, and Shelton Sampson the team's second leading rusher was showing signs that a nagging toe injury was hampering his performance. Starting defensive end Gary Wesley was also injured and would not return.

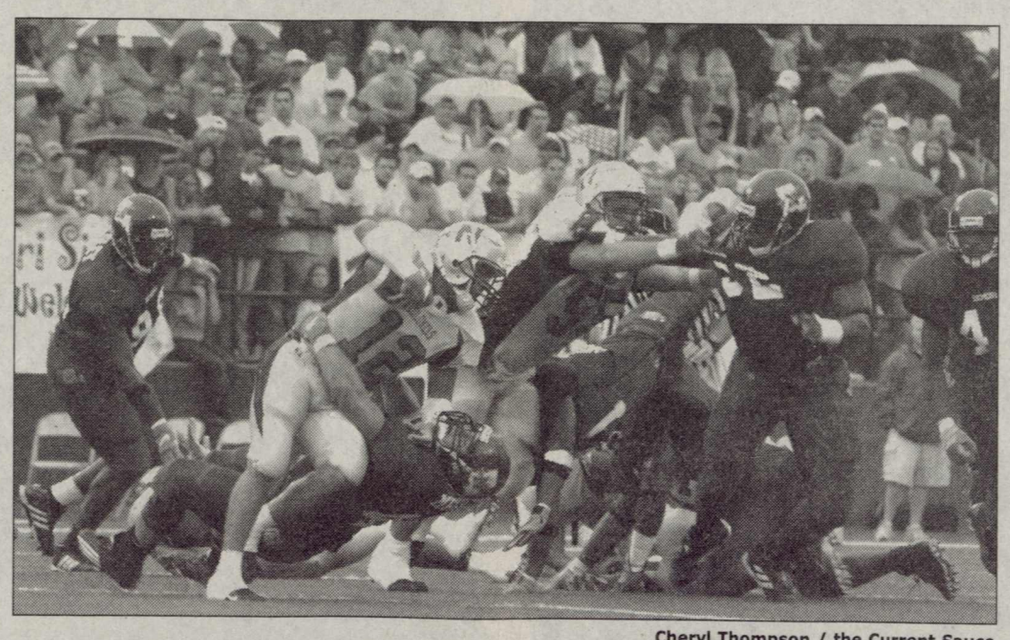
Meanwhile, Son was leading the Colonels No. 1 ranked rush offense up and down the field. Son, who has led Nicholls St. in rushing yards for three consecutive seasons, finished the first half with 52 yards rushing and one touchdown on the ground to go along with 183 yards through the air on five of six aim, including the TD pass to Butler.

The Demon defense, having adjusted to the Colonels style, came out ready to play in the second half. The defense shut out the Nicholls offense in the third quarter, but on the other side of the ball, Northwestern St. could not sustain a drive and neither team scored during the period.

The fourth quarter began with more frustration for the Demon offense. On fourth and six with the ball on the Nicholls St. 36-yard line Vinson's pass fell incomplete and the Colonels took over possession.

The score remained 33-24 until Colonels halfback Phillip Brock broke through for a 12-yard touchdown with 6:08 left to play. The extra point put Nicholls up by

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Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce
Nicholls' quarterback Josh Son gets tackled behind the line by a Purple Swarm defensive player. Son accounted for 253 yards of total offense and two touchdowns to led the Colonels past the Demons 40-30.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Soccer (9-8-1, 7-

Oct. 26, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Nicholls State (3-15, 1-1

NSU 3-NSU 2

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	1	2	**3**
NSU	0	2	0

Oct. 24, 2003
Northwestern State vs
Southeastern
(13-1-4, 8-0-3)

NSU 1-SLU 1

Goals by Period

	1	2	OT	O2	Final
NSU	1	0	0	0	**1**
TSU	0	1	0	0	1

Key Player:
Hillarie Marshall
Game winning goal against Nicholls
senior defender

NSU Volleyball (10-15,5-8)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Becky David
20 kills & 22 digs
Senior outside hitter

Oct. 24, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Sam Houston State
(8-13, 5-8)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Scor
NSU	25	30	25	30	9	- 2
SHSU	30	26	30	24	15	- 3

Oct. 21, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
La. Tech (14-10)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
NSU	30	25	30	19	12	-
LAT	26	30	27	30	15	- 3

Oct. 18, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-Arlington
(12-10, 10-4)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	19	30	18	13	- 1
UTA	30	26	30	30	- **3**

Northwestern State vs.
Stephen F. Austin
(13-12, 9-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	25	25	30	28	- 1
SFA	30	30	26	30	- **3**

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

ATHLETICS

Three get conference player honors

After picking up his third individual title of is senior season, Noah Murgor was voted Southland Conference male cross country athlete of the week. Murgor won the Lamar Invitational, the Louisiana Lafayette Invitational and the NSU Invitational.

A pair of sisters from the NSU soccer team won individuals honor this past week. Nellie Latiolais, a junir, won the SLC Goalkeeper of the Week award for the second straight week. Nellie went 1-0-1 in 200 minutes of play with 16 saves.

Marliese Latiolais, a freshmen midfielder, won the SLC Defensive Player of the Week. She was NSU's top defensive performer against SLU and Nicholls.

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Soccer gets No. 4 seed in conference tourney

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Nader to speak today

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Green Party presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader will visit Northwestern's campus today as part of the Distinguished Speaker Program.

According to www.crashingthepary.org, Nader has been a freelance writer, environmental activist and newspaper columnist. He is the author of many novels, including *Crashing the Party* about his 2000 presidential campaign, and *Unsafe at Any Speed*, a book that helped "catapult auto safety into the public spotlight."

Nader is a strong supporter of the third party system. He wrote in his preface to his new novel *Crashing the Party*, "The convergence of our country's two major parties is widely noted phenomenon, even though the remedies of political competition from the outside are largely ignored."

Nader is also a strong advocate for the removal of "sovereign" corporations.

In *Crashing the Party*, Nader wrote, "Our campaign reminded people that corporations, which, in their modern form, were created by state charters in the early nineteenth century, should be our servants, not our masters."

Nader wrote that "great societies must have public policies that declare which rights, assets, and conditions are never for sale" because "such policies strengthen noncommercial values, which, nourished by public enlightenment and civic participation, can provide wondrous opportunities to improve our country."

Nader claims that we are trapped in a "democracy gap." The "democracy gap" he says is "the excessive concentration of power and wealth" of the nation being controlled by a small elite. Nader wrote in his preface, "Today, much of (the) economic, political, and technological power is in the hands global of corporations wielding immense influence over our government."

Nader became this year's distinguished

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Distinguished Lecturer

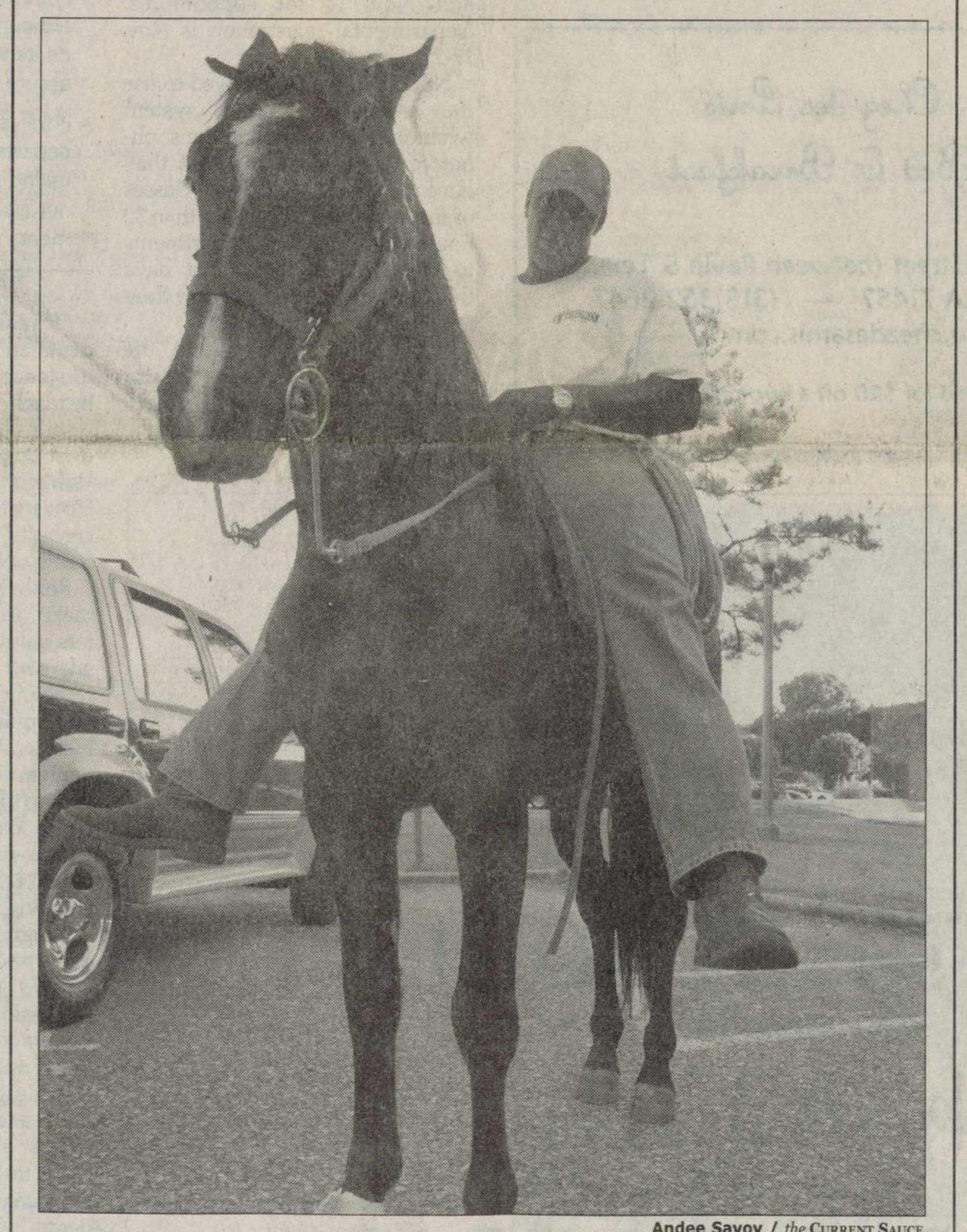

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Campus cowboy

Andrew Johnson, a junior IET major, goes for a ride on Sabo to the Rapides parking lot Wednesday.

SGA senate votes to keep truant senator

Academic committee to consider former professional wrestler, conservative speaker Warrior as NSU's next Distinguished Lecturer.

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At the SGA senate meeting Monday, the senate held an impeachment hearing and voted to not remove from office a senator who had not fulfilled his required duties.

At the beginning of the hearing, Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam said that sophomore Sen. John Eric Fontenot had not completed his office hours for several consecutive weeks and did not attend last week's senate meeting.

Pulliam turned the chair over to SGA Supreme Court Justice Sharmyn Little to preside over the impeachment hearing.

A two-thirds vote of the senate is required to remove a senator from office.

The senators' votes were cast on pieces of paper rather than the usual roll call vote.

SGA minutes
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According to the SGA minutes, Pulliam, Sara Burling, Patrick Feller, Jack Halford, and Casey Ponder voted to remove Fontenot from office.

Fontenot, Jeff Bergeron, Matt Burrough, Chris Faist, Ashlie Fisher, Dustin Floyd, Keith Gates, Josh Howell, Kelli Menard, Kelli Miller, and Leslie Ross voted to keep him in office.

Mindy McConnell abstained from the vote.

Fontenot, who was present for the meeting, remains an SGA senator.

Also, Pulliam said that Buster Carlisle resigned from the senate just before the meeting began.

Three pieces of legislation were brought before the senate Monday night. The first had been tabled at last week's meeting and placed on this week's agenda. The other two pieces of legislation were placed on emergency status and did not undergo a week's review by the SGA senators.

The first bill proposed sev-

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Wiring upgrades delayed by contracts

By Kyle Shirley
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FOLLOW UP
to Sept. 4 story
"NSU to upgrade net, phone wiring"

Check our back issues at *currentsauce.com*

Contractual problems have postponed a project upgrade computer network systems.

The project, which is being overseen by the Physical Plant and telecommunications department, is to upgrade networks and telephone lines in buildings that have the most outdated systems.

Work was scheduled to begin on Oct. 1, but has not yet started.

Coordinator of Telecommunications Tracy Brown said that work has been postponed due to a "state contract issue" with OTM, the organization in Baton Rouge that handles all wiring contracts for the state.

NSU's contract with OTM is currently being renegotiated.

"Every time we go through an award process, every three years, there's always a little bit of a delay," said Brown.

Brown said the contract for the outdoor wiring was approved Monday, but the indoor projects are on hold until the contract pertaining to them can be approved.

Despite the setback, Brown remains confident that the project will be completed by its original deadline next fall, as most work was already scheduled to be done over the summer.

"Summertime is the only time when the campus is not so populated, and we don't disturb as many users when we make changes to the network," said Brown. "We'll do the majority of the work over the summer."

What's Current?

NEWS

Class forms new non-profit charitable organization

Huey P. Long gave a speech in 1927 under the Evangeline Oak. He spoke about the needs of people in Louisiana that were never fulfilled.

The Evangeline Society is named after Huey Long's speech, and the idea for the organization came from Alex Aichinger, coordinator of political science at NSU. He presented the idea to his public administration class this semester as part of a class project.

NSU students' mission in The Evangeline Society is to help fulfill the needs and improve the lives of residents in Natchitoches Parish. Students are collecting canned goods and school supplies for people in the area.

In addition to the students' involvement in the society, Aichinger said it is helping the students learn how to start a nonprofit organization.

Society member Keith Gates said it gives the class useful, hands-on experience. "The organization as a whole is headed in the right direction," Gates said.

Anyone can contribute or become a member of The Evangeline Society. Those interested should contact Aichinger at evangelinesociety@yahoo.com.

D'nea Tyler

Fundraiser for gubernatorial candidate Blanco today in Union

Money raised at $25-per-ticket reception to go towards local campaign.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush signs abortion restriction law

WASHINGTON (KRT) — President Bush on Wednesday signed into law the first federal restriction on abortion in 30 years, winning cheers and applause from abortion opponents at a signing ceremony that underscored his commitment to the anti-abortion movement.

Less than an hour later, a federal judge in Nebraska partially blocked the law's implementation. Other legal challenges were under way in New York and California. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a similar Nebraska statute in 2000, and abortion rights activists expressed confidence that they would prevail in court again.

At issue is a procedure that opponents call "partial-birth abortion," a relatively rare technique that involves collapsing the skull of a fetus that is partially out of the womb. Supporters say the procedure, known as "intact dilation and extraction," is often the safest way to abort a badly deformed fetus in the late stages of a pregnancy.

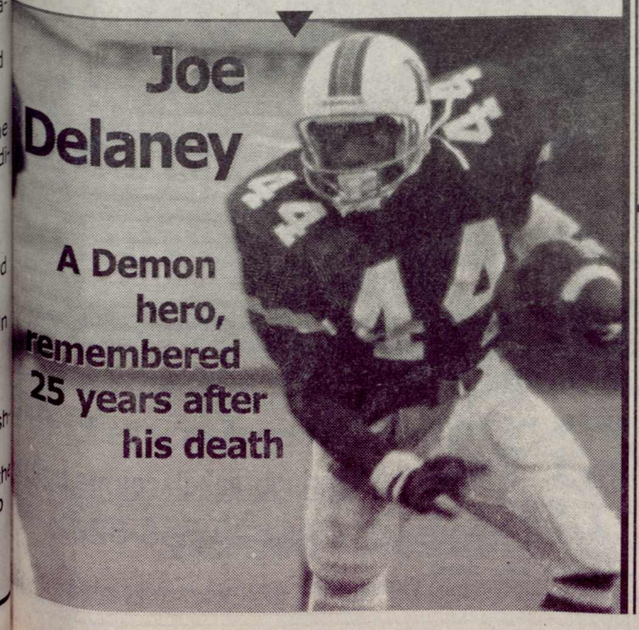
Former President Bill Clinton vetoed two earlier versions of the ban. The new law is the first federal limit on abortion since the Supreme Court made abortions legal in the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Poll: Campus Republicans growing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (KRT) — A new poll by the Institute of Politics at Harvard University showed that 31 percent of college students across the country identify themselves as Republicans. The poll also showed that 61 percent of college students approve of President Bush's job performance, which is about 8 percentage points higher than the general public.

At the same time, 27 percent of the students say they are Democrats. And 38 percent say they are independent or unaffiliated, which makes them ripe targets for presidential candidates who are paying careful attention to the youngest segment of the electorate, particularly the nation's 9 million college students.

What's Next Week?



NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
20% chance of rain	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
65°/48°	62°/48°	75°/52°	75°/52°

CORRECTION

University Affairs Vice President John Dilworth does not and will not oversee custodial services, food services, or dorms, as implied by last week's story, "Dilworth OKed for VP."

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speaker through a process of elimination. SGA President Greg Comeaux said the SGA is given a budget each semester from the student government fees.

Comeaux the administration takes one dollar from this fee for every full-time Natchitoches student. The fund is usually about $6,000. If the funds are not used in a semester they roll over to the next semester.

Scott Manguno, SGA vice-president, said, "It is a roll over budget. That is what enabled us to bring Nader because we had been saving money from the past few semesters."

Carl Henry, Director of Student Activities Organizations, said that once the funds are obtained, the SGA gets in touch with the American Program Bureau, a public speaker and lecturer information service agency, to find people for the Distinguished Speaker Program.

After receiving a list of speakers from the agency, an academic administration board rates the speaker selections. The SGA then selects their choices from the ranked speakers.

"Our advisor, Mr. Henry, provided us with a list of people that a campus speaker service agent provided, where the top three speakers were ranked by the academic advisor, and Nader ranked on the top."

Nader will be speaking at 7 p.m. in A. A. Fredricks Auditorium.

Graduate's work to be published

By Kyle Shirley
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NSU graduate Jeremy Henriques' first published article is set to appear in the winter edition of the "Journal for Undergraduate Chemistry."

Henriques' article, titled "An Analysis of Environmental Factors Modulating Fibrillation of a Small Neuroprotein α-Synuclein," shows the effect of anions on the neuroprotein α-synuclein as it undergoes a process called fibrillation. α-Synuclein is associated with disorders such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

"I participated in an undergraduate research program in Santa Cruz, California in the summer of 2002, where I took on and completed a project from the Fink Lab in their biochemistry department," said Henriques. "I used that research to write my senior thesis, a requirement of my major, so the article was basically a condensed version of that thesis."

> "Don't be intimidated to take on a big challenge, like writing your own paper. It's hard, but it's worth it."
>
> **Jeremy Henriques**
> NSU graduate

Henriques said he was anxious to get an article published so that he would "stand out in the medical school admissions process." Another paper using his research is likely to appear in the journal "Biochemistry."

Henriques also offered advice to current NSU students. "Don't be intimidated to take on a big challenge, like writing your own paper. It's hard, but it's worth it," he said. "There is help out there, and there are journals for undergraduates to gain experience by submitting to. You just have to find them."

Henriques graduated in May 2003 with a degree in chemistry. He is currently working as an office manager for an audiologist office and preparing to enter medical school next fall.

NSU Police Blotter

10-27-03
10:15 p.m.
A disagreement between an RA and resident was reported. There was no physical contact, but a report was made.

10-28-03
6:12 p.m.
An officer was requested at the front desk of Sabine pertaining to someone stealing a backpack that was caught on tape.

10-29-03
8:24 a.m.
A pregnant woman passed out in Kyser 209. The woman was conscious at 8:33 a.m. The nurse examined her, and she was transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

10-30-03
10:08 p.m.
A female resident of Sabine had an asthma attack.

10-31-03
5:24 p.m.
Detective Prescott accidentally backed in NSU police car unit 30

11-1-03
12:56 p.m.
A student called and reported a black chicken running around the balcony of a building on campus. The chicken was caught, and animal control was called.

7:36 p.m.
The house director of Dodd called because skunks have been congregating outside the entrance of the building. Animal control was called.

11-2-03
1:47 p.m.
A 911 hang up call came from the rec. complex center. No one knew who made the call. It came from a pay phone outside, and was probably a student making a prank call.

7:17 p.m.
The Natchitoches Police Department called requesting that the gates of the rec. complex be opened to search for some runaways.

11-3-03
There was a small fire in front of Rapides. No one was around it. The fire was put out and there was no damage.

11-4-03
10:10 a.m.
A student called from Rapides regarding a janitor stealing from Room 817.

Elizabeth Bolt

Advisors urge care, planning when registering for classes

By Elaine Broussard
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Early registration for the Spring 2004 semester is quickly approaching, and some students can begin registering online as early as Tuesday.

Early online registration begins Nov. 11 for graduate students, Nov. 12 for seniors, Nov. 13 for juniors, and Nov. 14 for sophomores. Departmental registration is Nov. 17-21.

NSU students are allowed to use the online registration system when they have reached the sophomore level, providing that they have completed 30 hours of classes or more. Students with less than 30 hours must go to their departments to register, and they must have their schedule approved by their advisor.

Many students feel that the online registration system is very convenient, because it saves them a special trip to their respective departments.

"It makes it a lot easier for students and faculty. We don't have to stand in line, and it's less of a headache. Plus, it puts more of a responsibility on us to choose our own classes," said senior Scholars' College student Jared Monroe. However, Monroe said that he still consults his advisor before registering online.

Renee Hawkins, a senior nursing major, said that she always registers online, and she rarely visits her advisor.

"Some advisors try to make you take more classes than you can handle. Visiting advisors is inconvenient because between school and work it's hard to find time to go to them. During their office hours I'm usually in class. I haven't had any problems self-advising," Hawkins said.

Language and Communication department head Joseph Colavito advises English majors with the professional writing concentration. Colavito said that he is not a big fan of online registration because it discourages contact between students and advisors.

"It's absolutely imperative for there to be a close working environment between advisors and students," Colavito said. "Sadly, I have some faculty members who have never seen any of their advisees, and we have a small department."

Chemistry and Physics department head Paul Withey primarily advises Physics majors. Withey said that students who register online should be required to come to advisors before they do so.

"They should come see an advisor, double check their schedule, then register online," Withey said. "I don't have any problem with students registering online. It takes the burden off of us a little bit, and I would imagine that it makes the students feel better to be able to register as early as they can."

Jeannette Ralston is the advisor for music education majors. Ralston said that the music education degree is very complicated, and it is important for her to keep track of her students' progress.

"I ask for those people that are registering themselves to print out a copy of their schedule and tack it to my door so I can go back through and make sure that they are taking the right courses," Ralston said.

Greg Granger, who advises political science majors, said that it is important for students to keep in touch with their advisors, but students are capable of self-advising to a large extent by consulting the NSU catalog.

"I'm guessing about 80 or 90 percent of the time, when a student comes to me for advice, the student could have received an answer to his or her question simply by consulting the catalog," Granger said. "What I see is the biggest problem is that students aren't taking enough responsibility."

Ralston said that the NSU catalog is very difficult for music education majors to follow and that she has a great responsibility to make sure students are aware which requirements apply to them.

"It's difficult when you're reading the catalog and it says, for example, that you need a techniques course. Techniques to a vocalist and an instrumentalist are totally different."

Colavito said that many students who do not visit their advisors regularly have many problems graduating in the amount of time that they planned, and he has seen many students taking introductory core classes as seniors.

"I am very concerned with trying to get people out of here in four years. I know that the national average is over five years now, and it's actually moving closer to six," Colavito said.

Withey also said that it is important for students to have a close relationship with their advisor because advisors can inform students about student organizations and special events taking place in their departments.

Colavito said that advisors can be valuable contacts in the future as references for jobs and internships. He said that he urges students to take a class from their advisor.

Early registration tips

from University advisors

- Political science adviser **Greg Granger** said that students should come to advisors with questions about the content of courses and the order in which they should be taken. "Students should come talk to their advisors about the substance of courses," Granger said. "Am I really prepared for this course? What are the requirements for this course, and do I have the background for it?"
- Professional writing adviser **Joseph "Rocky" Colavito** stressed that although 12 hours per semester is considered a full course load, students who continuously take this number of hours every semester are assured to take summer classes in order to graduate in four years.
- Physics adviser **Paul Withey** said that one of the problems in his department is that students who do not come to advisors often miss taking rarely offered classes that are major requirements. "Some of our classes are only offered every second year because their enrollments aren't large enough," Withey said.

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eral revisions to the section of the SGA by-laws concerning organizational grants. The bill proposes replacing the term "chairman" with "chairperson" in order to avoid being gender biased. It also proposes allowing the senate to determine a date each semester when organizational grant applications are due instead of following the current set dates. Passage of this bill would allow the Organizational Grants Committee, with approval of the SGA Treasurer, to approve grants under $100 without approval of the senate.

Also, currently organizational grants are only given to organizations that use the money for special projects or events that benefit all NSU students. This bill proposes allowing organizations to receive grants for projects that will benefit the total image of the University within the community.

"There have been some grants for the past three semesters now that were wonderful grants, wonderfully written, with really good theories behind them, but they weren't for the students," said the bill's sponsor Senator Kelli Miller. "However, if the organizations would have gotten money and done their projects, it would have made the whole University look better."

After little discussion, the senate voted to refer this bill to the internal affairs committee for further review.

The second piece of legislation brought before the senate was a resolution proposing that the University Campus Parking and Driving Regulations be amended so that students cannot be issued a traffic citation for parking in a wrong zone when they do not park in an actual zone. According to the bill, students have been receiving two citations, wrong zone and no parking zones citations, when they park in a no parking zone.

During the discussion, Senator Miller said, "If you are parked in a no parking zone, you're not parked in the right zone, because that is not your color group, therefore you are in the wrong zone."

Senator Mindy McConnell said, "You're not in the wrong zone if you're not in any zone. This is a problem that has been on the senate all my time here. I think this is the best bill that has been written all semester, and it definitely should be approved."

This bill passed by a unanimous vote.

The third piece of legislation considered Monday night was a bill proposing to allocate up to $3,500 to invite another distinguished lecturer next semester. According to the bill, the proposed lecturer is Warrior, a conservative political speaker and former professional wrestler who was known as The Ultimate Warrior. The senate voted unanimously to refer this bill to the academic affairs committee for further review.

The senate approved the appointments of former senators Chad Black and Liz Hughes to the Supreme Court. The appointment of Chris Henry to the Supreme Court was not approved by the senate.

Next week, the senate will be voting on a resolution proposing that the University place at least 15 additional trash receptacles in Watson Library.

Also, the senate will be voting on a bill to require all student media organizations to turn in their proposed budget for the semester to be approved by the senate. According to the bill, these budgets should have been turned into the senate at the beginning of the semester.

SGA Senate Minutes
November 3, 2003

I. Call to Order at 7:02
The prayer led by Leslie Ross and the pledge led by Kelli Menard.

Members Present:
Jeff Bergeron
Sara Burling
Matt Burrough
Chris Faist
Patrick Feller
Ashlie Fisher
Dustin Floyd
John Fontenot
Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Josh Howell
Kelli Menard
Kelli Miller
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Leslie Ross
Members Absent:
Buster Carlisle
Craig Desoto
Hunter Landry
Alan Sypert
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Patrick Feller moves to approve the minutes from October 27, 2003. Jack Halford seconds the motion.

II. Executive Reports
Treasurer- Edward 'Beau' Boudreaux:
The new budget will be up next week , the system was down and Beau Boudreaux was unable to have copies for tonight.
Vice-President- Scott Manguno:
Josh Howell and Mindy McConnell are on evaluation/ review. A letter from Chris Sampite' was read to the senate discussion the fire alarm system. The letter discussed fire doors and the lighting in the library.
Keith Gates enters
President- Greg Comeaux:
COSBP is November 14-16 at Southeastern. If interested please let Greg know. COSGA is February 21-24 at Texas A&M. Mindy McConnell, Kelli Miller, Zach Pulliam, Matt Burrough, Beau Boudreaux, Jeff Bergeron, Ashlie Fisher, Leslie Ross and Casey Ponder are interested in going to COSGA. Next Wednesday Student Life Committee will meet at 3. University Student Self Assessed Fee Oversight committee will also meet next Thursday at 3. Supreme Court appointments were left off the agenda, they are Chad Black, Chris Henry, and Liz Hughes. Greg Comeaux spoke with Carl Jones about the $5 fee being reallocated to the Wellness Center Greg Comeaux has a meeting with Dr. Webb on Wednesday, so please get all legislation in before then.

III. Departmental Reports
Zach Pulliam announced that Buster Carlisle resigned from the senate and a revised agenda should have a #7 on new business.
Academic Report- Mindy McConnell:
Ralph Nader will speak on November 6th at 7p.m in A.A. Fredrick's
External Affairs- Ashlie Fisher:
Flyers are in Ashlie Fisher's box to promote Ralph Nader, please put the flyers up around campus. Large signs need to be made and put up also. Senior Day is November 22, two senators need to be present from 11:15- 1 p.m. Matt Burrough, Jack Halford and Greg Comeaux volunteered.
Kelli Miller questioned Greg about the Student Self Assessed Fee Committee meeting time.
Fiscal Affairs- Edward 'Beau' Boudreaux:
Beau Boudreaux announced that there would be a short fiscal meeting after, but he withdrew that because Alan Sypert is not present.
Internal Affairs- Zach Pulliam:
The scantron by-laws are ready and will be on the agenda next week, thanks to the help of Sharmyn Little. Casey Ponder is organizing the filing cabinets to get the cabinets in working order. The removal trail of John Fontenot is tonight and the organizational grant bill.
Student Affairs- Keith Gates:
Bill FA03-022 dealing with traffic citations is on emergency status because Traffic and Parking Committee will meet soon. The next Wellness Center meeting is November 19 at 11 a.m. Keith Gates named Dustin Floyd as Chairman of Residential Life and Dustin Floyd spoke on some issues dealing with the dorm fire watchers. Zach Pulliam questions Dustin Floyd if the dorm R.A.s are the fire watchers and Dustin Floyd responds yes.
Advisor's Report- Mr. Carl Henry (absent report given by Terria Alexander):
Please speak up when talking and there should only be one person talking at a time.
David Gunn enters
Graduate Advisors Report- David Gunn:
Please attend Ralph Nader it will be a good exchange of ideas and please get out there and promote him.
Chris Henry is recognized and gives suggestions on how to get the word out about Ralph Nader.
SAB report- Ashlie Fisher:
The Canned Food Drive is still going on and please bring cans to room 214. Jessica Breaux resigned from her position as Special Events and they held nominations for that position. There is a LOB informational on Fitness in the Presidents Room.
Supreme Court- Sharmyn Little: No Report.

IV. Old Business
Removal Trail of John Fontenot:
Zach Pulliam moves to vote on the removal of John Fontenot. Patrick Feller seconds the motion. Zach Pulliam relinquishes his position as according to the by-laws which state that the supreme court justice shall preside over impeachment proceedings. Sharmyn takes her seat in presiding over the proceedings. Zach Pulliam gives the case against John Fontenot. John Fontenot gives his case. Discussion.
Jeff Bergeron: no
Sara Burling: yes
Matt Burrough: no
Chris Faist: no
Patrick Feller: yes
Ashlie Fisher:no
Dustin Floyd:no
John Fontenot: no
Keith Gates: no
Jack Halford: yes
Josh Howell: no
Kelli Menard: no
Kelli Miller: no
Mindy McConnell: abstain
Casey Ponder: yes
Zach Pulliam: yes
Leslie Ross: no
5 yes: 11 no: 1 abstain
Motion fails, John Fontenot is still on the senate.
Sharmyn Little relinquishes the chair back to Zach Pulliam.
FA03-019 dealing with organizational grants.
Kelli Miller reads Bill FA03-019. Patrick Feller moves for a two minute recesses. Jack Halford seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.
Zach Pulliam requests a roll call after the recess.

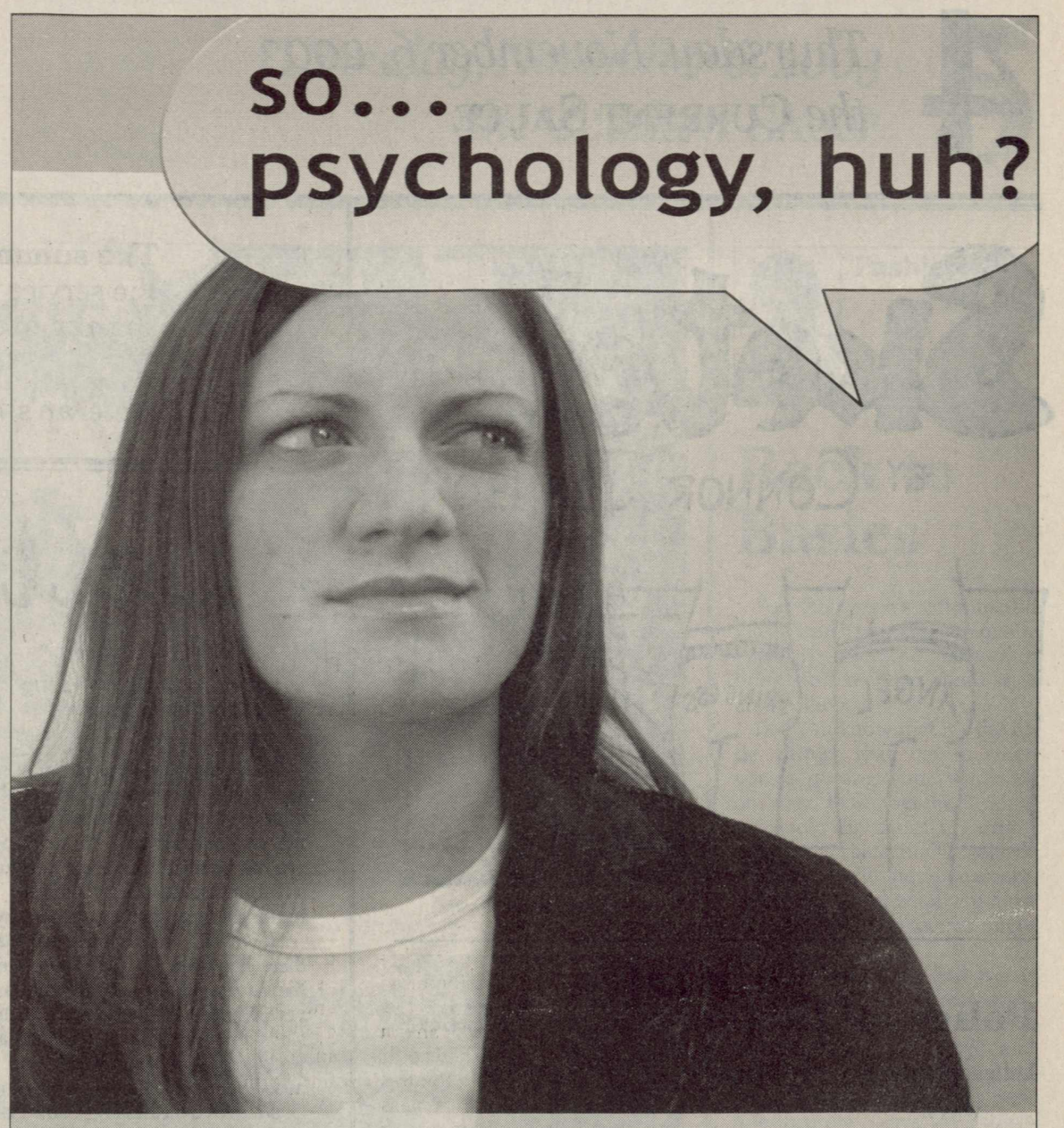
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Kelli Miller moves to approve Bill FA03-019. Chris Faist seconds the motion. Discussion. Kelli Miller moves to amend section 3.9 to state "may ask" , Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Discussion. Amendment passes. Discussion. Keith Gates moves to refer Bill FA03-018 to Internal Affairs for further review. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Motion passes to refer to Internal Affairs. Motion passes 13-2.

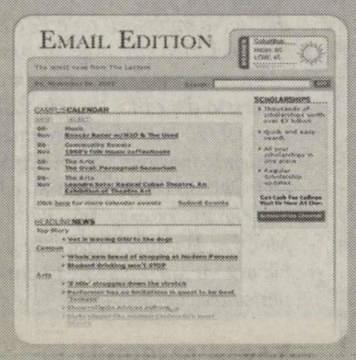
V. New Business
FA03-020 and 021 are tabled.
FA03-022 dealing with traffic citations for parking is read by Keith Gates. Keith Gates moves to moves to approve Bill FA03-022. Jeff Bergeron seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.
Bill FA03-023 dealing with next semesters distinguished speaker is read by Dustin Floyd. Dustin Floyd moves to approve Bill FA03-023 , Jack Halford seconds the motion.
Sharmyn Little exits.
Discussion. Dustin Floyd moves to refer to Academic Affairs. Mindy McConnell seconds the motion. Motion passes to refer to Academic Affairs.
Supreme Court Appointments:
Liz Hughes speaks on her behalf and Chris Henry also speaks on his behalf. There are no questions from the floor. Zach Pulliam asks Liz Hughes and Chris Henry to exit. Greg Comeaux speaks on Chad Black's behalf. Dustin Floyd moves to approve Liz Hughes to the Supreme Court. Keith Gates seconds the motion . Discussion. Motion passes. Keith Gates moves to approve Chad Black to the Supreme Court. Jack Halford seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes. Casey Ponder moves to approve Chris Henry to the Supreme Court. Patrick Feller seconds the motion. Discussion. Dustin Floyd moves to table. Keith Gates seconds the motion. Motion fails to table. Discussion. Keith Gates moves to call Chris Henry in and question. Kelli Miller seconds the motion. Discussion on calling Chris Henry in to question. Patrick Feller moves to previous question. Jack Halford seconds the motion. Motion passes to end discussion on calling Chris Henry back in to question. Motion fails to call Chris Henry in to question 2-14. Discussion. Keith Gates moves to postpone till next week. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Keith Gates rescinds the motion to postpone. Dustin Floyd moves to adjourn, Keith Gates seconds the motion. Motion fails to adjourn 4-12. Zach Pulliam call to previous question, Keith Gates seconds the motion. Motion passes 15-1. Motion fails to approve Chris Henry to the Supreme Court. 10-5-1.

VI. Announcements
Beau Boudreaux reminds everyone about absentee voting. Kelli Miller announces that Kathleen Blanco will be here Thursday at 4:30 in the ballroom. There is also a Diabetes screening in the Student Union. Keith Gates wants everyone to wear Bobby Jindall T-shirts to go see Kathleen Blanco on Thursday. Zach Pulliam announces the crew marathon. David Gunn reminds everyone to attend committee meetings when bills are referred to them . Jack Halford asks everyone to sign the Child care petition. Ashlie Fisher congratulates all new panhellinc officers and officers of the houses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17



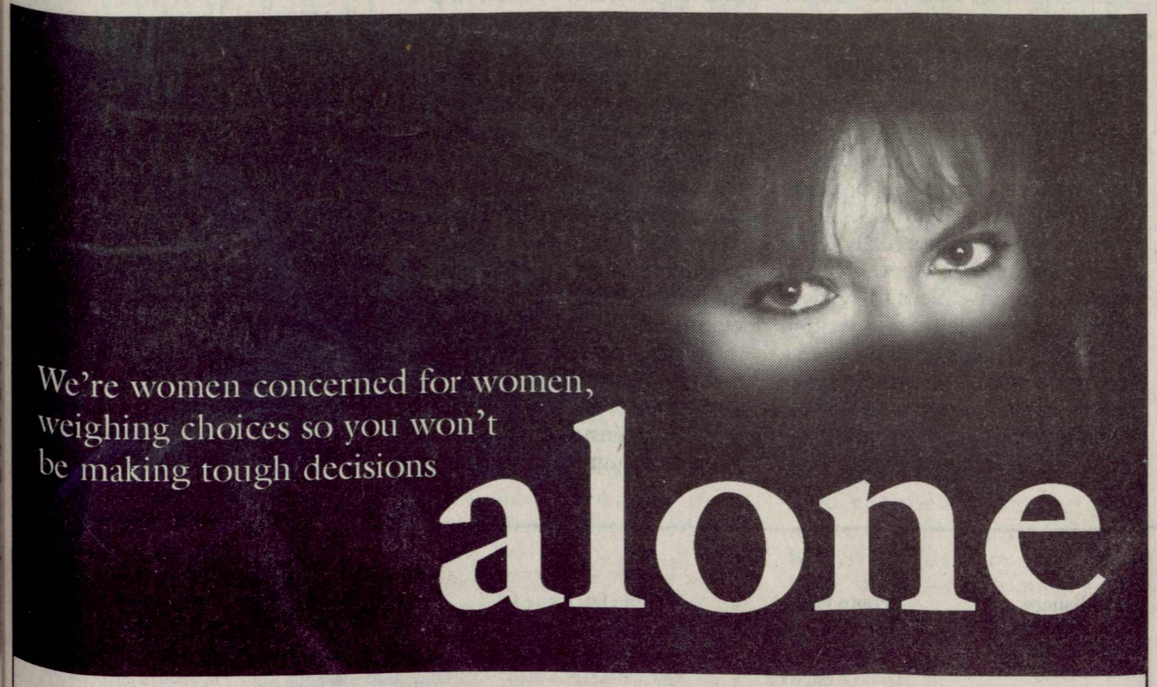
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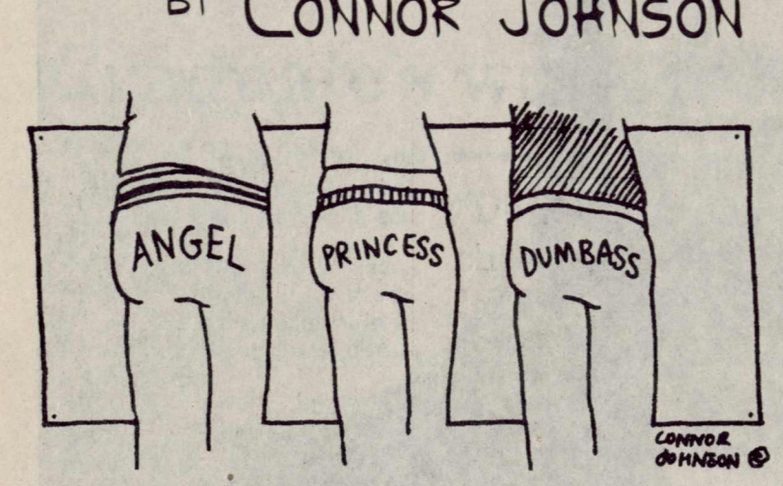
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CORRECTION (cont. from page 1)

Those responsibilities will remain under Student Affairs Vice President Dan Seymour.

The Sauce failed to attribute the erroneous information to an on-campus source that the story's author, Elaine Broussard, had interviewed.

Journalism department head Steve Horton alerted us to this error. We apologize for and regret the error.

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>
> **Thomas Paine**
> "The American Crisis," Dec. 23, 1776

(Veteran's Day is Nov. 11)

Letters to the Editor

Where are the conflicting views and debates?

Dear Current Sauce Staff,

I'd like to preface this letter by stating that I have been impressed with the work you guys have done this year and last year. Your coverage has gotten better, and I've actually found some articles interesting–and I mean that in a good way.

However, I am disappointed that there has been no flame war this semester, as there was through last year. I miss Mr. Boudreaux's witty, albeit inflammatory, comments, as well as those of other Sauce staff. I miss Scholars' College bashing Dustin Floyd bashing Scholars' College. I miss the religion debate, the war/antiwar debate, and the conflicting views of students and faculty about our various athletic departments and other university issues. That's what got me reading the Sauce in the first place, and the Opinions page is the first thing I turn to when I get my copy of the Sauce each week. I like knowing that other university students have opinions, and that everyone doesn't think the same way. It's comforting. Please don't keep out the flame wars.

Sincerely,
Eva DeLeon
Senior

LifeShare thanks NSU community

LifeShare Blood Centers would like to thank the students, faculty and staff of Northwestern State University – Natchitoches for their continued support of the volunteer blood donor program.

A HUGE thank you also to Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Mu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Purple Jackets for going above and beyond with recruiting 236 volunteer blood donors, saving up to 944 lives!

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM

(Ed: These letters refer to a story printed in the Oct. 16 issue titled "Professor's comments make news," by Kyle A. Carter, which reported remarks by professor James Means' that were published on a Fox News Channel Web site. Also, they refer to responses to that article submitted as letters to the editor and published in the Oct. 23 ("Professor commends academic freedom," by Holly Stave) and Oct. 30 ("Academic Freedom and the professors," by David McDaniel) issues. Back issues can be viewed on our Web site at currentsauce.com.)

Means responds to McDaniel's letter

To the Editor of the Current Sauce:

I read with complete approval Mr David McDaniel's letter criticizing both myself and my valued colleague, Dr Stave. I am sure that we are all, or ought to be, dedicated to freedom of speech and of an academic's right—nay, duty—to speak his or her mind on issues of importance. Well, on any issue, come to that!

Administrators will always resent our speaking our minds, for such freedom embarrasses them. Their agenda is not ours. As Dr Cochran pointed out, who knows what funding organism might be alienated by my casting aspersions on our President? Perhaps the American Nazi Party funds education; I doubt it, but I am frequently wrong.

As to the taste, maturity and wisdom of my distressing characterization of George W. Bush, I could not agree more wholeheartedly with Mr McDaniel that my comments showed a lamentable lack of taste and maturity. I don't therefore regret having called Britt Hume a "pig" or GWB a drooling redneck; I was angry and anger is a human weakness. You shouldn't expect your professors to be always prudent or in full-dress. Sometimes we are just mad as hell and decide to let her rip.

Next time I decide to vent, I'll use more dignified language, like "fraud" and "liar." Those terms would fit many of the more prominent people in this Administration.

But, I do appreciate Mr McDaniel's comments. We need more students like him with enough public spirit to have and express their views. We should always follow the glorious advice of Thomas Jefferson and fearlessly follow truth wherever she leads us, for only the truth can make us free and keep us free.

Sincerely yours,
James Means

Scholars' student: 'I have never felt ridiculed'

Dear Editor:

I must confess, upon reading reading Mr. McDaniel's response to Dr. Holly Stave's letter, I was quite perturbed at the thought of a lack of academic freedom among our student body. Then I realized that Mr. McDaniel has probably not sat in on a Scholars' College class.

As the editor pointed out, the Bible is a part of the Scholars' College curriculum - one of the few texts that does not change from year to year. One class may read the Illiad, another the Odyssey, but all read the Bible, both Old and New Testament, in the first two required core classes of the Scholars' College, Texts and Traditions. Later in the curriculum texts by Martin Luther and Thomas Aquinas are read to expound upon the earlier readings. Why do we not teach Friedman or Hayek? Quite simply, because they are not Darwin, Marx, or Freud - people whose ideas so shook the world that they are commonly known names. As to Friedman and Hayek... I was able to research Friedrich Hayek, who I assumed was a psychologist due to his proximity to Freud in the letter, but, alas, without a first name I don't know which of the 3.5 million Google results points to the Friedman you are speaking of. I will assume you mean Milton Friedman, of Chicago school of economics fame, however, as a replacement for Marx. I will guide you to Dr. Jim Picht's economics classes, where discussion of the Chicago school takes place.

Mr. McDaniel says that both sides of an issue should be presented to be "truly educated"; I hold that most of us grow up living in a Judeo-Christian world, and that we are already familiar with the Bible and its background. What we are likely to be unfamiliar with is Marx, Freud, and the Koran - this is the view that Dr. Stave's letter was written from, not one of exclusion. I am a Christian, and I have many times before spoken of my beliefs in Scholars' classes. I have never felt ridiculed, nor have I ever encountered "locked doors". To read a letter and cry "political bias" and "discrimination" shows a greater degree of bias than any shown in Dr. Stave's words.

If you truly wish to see examples of "academic discrimination", I direct you to a USAToday story dated November 3, 2003, titled "On campus: Free speech for you but not for me?" It was on the front page, for those interested.

Nathaniel Miller
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Student responds to McDaniel's letter

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter written by David McDaniel printed in the Opinions Section of October 30th's Current Sauce. I would like to preface this letter, first of all, by saying that it is only my opinion and, secondly, that I do not intend for this letter to be in any way antagonistic. I am merely going to discuss some issues that concerned me about the letter as I would if it were a text we were discussing in Texts and Traditions, openly and in a non-biased fashion.

I am a Scholars' student and have the benefit of having been in the classes in which we read and discussed some of the authors mentioned by Mr. McDaniel as well classes in which we read excerpts from the Bible. I can, of course, not speak for all of the classes that discussed these texts, but in my classes every student was free to speak their mind without fear of censure. In fact, in the classes that I had with both Dr. Stave and Dr. Means they encouraged their students to feel that they could express their views openly. I have personally witnessed professors in the college defending students' rights to say things with which the professors did not necessarily agree. I can say completely without doubt that most of the closed mindedness comes from specific individuals within the student body itself. I feel that the professors as a whole do an excellent job of letting discussions evolve according to the whims of the students. They really only enter the conversations to make salient points, guide the conversations back to the text, or ensure that students are not oppugned simply for stating their opinions. In short, I think that the professors do an excellent job of allowing all sides of an argument to be expressed in an open environment and I do not feel that there is any need to adopt the Academic Bill of Rights to protect students from professors.

This brings me to my next topic of concern, and the one that has sparked this series of editorials, the comments of Dr. James Means concerning the President. First of all I would like to examine the fact that the opinions of the Professor in question were, to the best of my knowledge, not expressed in a forum associated with the school. Thus, this issue is one that should not only not be mentioned in reference to Academic Freedom, but is not really relevant in the context of academic affairs. I find it interesting that this professor is being pilloried for expressing his opinion even by the author of the letter in question when such discrimination seems to go against what that same author said was appropriate, namely chastising someone for expressing their opinion. Lastly on this subject I think that it is well nigh completely unfair to take two or three words from an article, show them out of context, and then attack the author for them. It seems that some of the author's comments might now be seen as embarrassing as he has not taken upon himself the burden of proof; this is unfortunate, but I hope that it will lead him to ensure that he has gotten the full story before he starts lambasting others in the future.

It should be said on the topic of getting the full story prior to making assertions that we at the Scholars' College were not aware of our association to a Ms. Stave. We have a professor with a Doctorate who works as a member of the faculty. Thusly she is referred to around here as Dr. Stave. I feel that it is not only inaccurate but irresponsible and disrespectful. From this I can draw one of two conclusions--either Mr. McDaniel knew that Dr. Stave was indeed a doctor and did not care, in which case he did not wait for her to express her opinion before belittling her, or he did not know that she had earned her doctorate, which leads us back to writing on those subjects of which we have knowledge.

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Hypnotist comes to NSU

Daniel James, a Las Vegas comedian and hypnotist is scheduled to appear at NSU on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7p.m. in the The Alley.

For more information, contact the SAB at 357-6511.

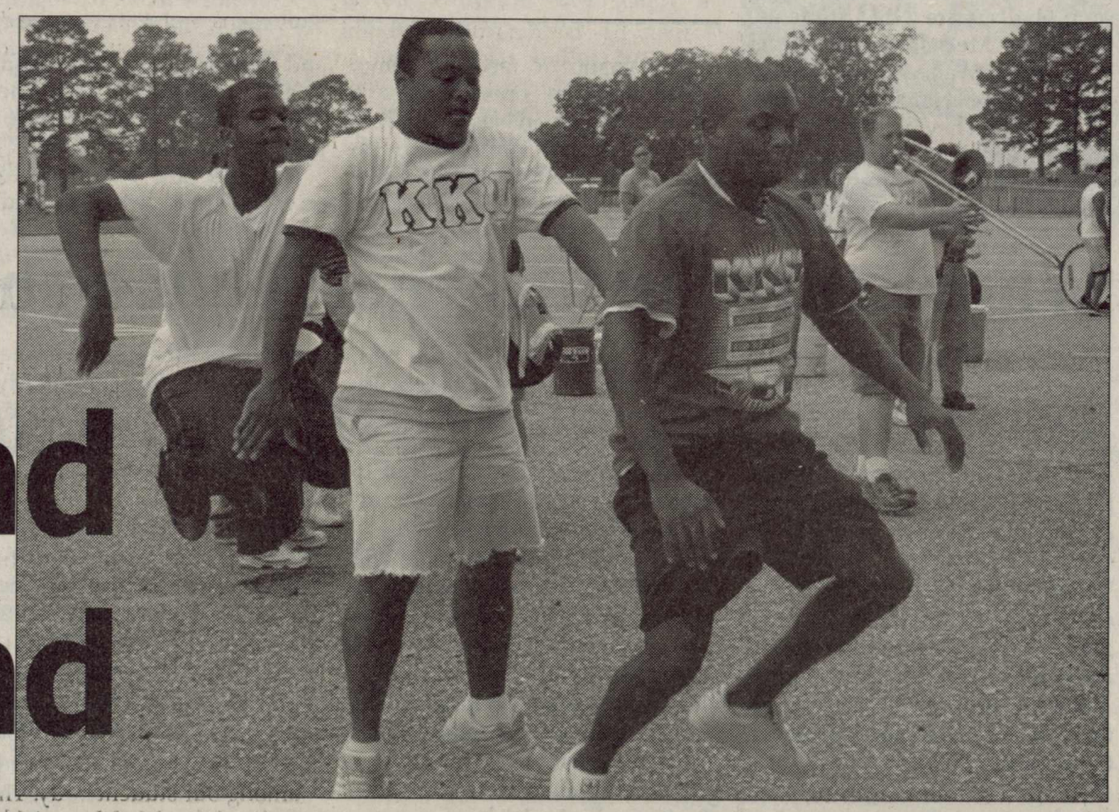
Demon daycare survey on Web site

Visit www.nsula.edu to take survey to start an on-campus daycare. The link is located at the bottom of the page.



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Top: The drum line shouts during a practice. **Below:** Three members of Kappa Kappa Psi take a break from band practice to do their fraternity step.



1 band sound

Being a Spirit of Northwestern band member

By Jimmy Brown
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The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band keeps busy throughout the year while providing entertainment at football games and participating in various activities in the spring semester.

This year, the band featured Latin-inspired music during its performances at football games. The band performed the numbers "Spain," "Cuban Fire," and "Chick Corea," all up-tempo.

Band director Bill Brent said that the band selects its music during the spring semester when the directors meet and discuss what musicals or pop tunes are currently big. Students give suggestions, also. Then, after choosing the songs, Brent said an arranger comes and specially arranges the music just for the band.

When watching Spirit of Northwestern performance, Demon fans noticed the absence of the hip-hop flavored music and dancing that is featured in performances by show bands such as Grambling State University and Southern University's bands. That is because NSU's band has more of a contemporary style.

"We are more of a drum corps band," Brent said.

Johnathon Clark, a sophomore music education major, said that being a drum corps band allows more flexibility. He said bands like Spirit are able to be more diverse instead of being strictly hip-hop.

"Corps style is more artistic. We play a variety of different styles of music," Clark said. "Grambling does just the energetic, funk, rap-type stuff."

Whatever music they do decide to play, the band members put in lots of effort weekly in order to put on a good performance. They meet for practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3-4:50 p.m.

Being together so often allows the members to bond with each other and start friendships.

Desiree Dillard, a freshman elementary education major, said that she enjoyed marching and learning new drills with her peers and loves it when they get to show off their talent.

Clark also enjoys the time spent with his band mates.

"You get to bond and relate to them. You get to know every one at least by name," Clark said.

Dillard and Clark and the rest of their band mates still have plenty of time to relate with each other even though football season is coming to an end.

The band will soon start preparing for the Christmas parade. And during the spring semester, the band plans to divide into three concert bands to perform concerts on campus.

Among those three bands, the top band, known as the Wind Symphony, will perform at various high schools for recruiting. A pep band will also be formed in order to play at basketball games.

Many other members will remain active in the band's organizations. The Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity, the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority, and the Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi co-ed organizations will participate in concerts, visit area nursing homes, and perform at the Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival.

Meanwhile, the members of the band are being tight-lipped about their performances at the last home football game.

"We have a real treat. That's all I will say," Brent said. "It's going to be very colorful."

Harp prodigy visits, performs at NSU

By Kyle A. Carter
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On Oct. 30, 13-year-old Russian harp composer AlexanderSasha Boldachev gave recital in the Magale Recital Hall.

The show Boldachev played in Natchitoches was part of a U. S. tour where he played the previous night in Baton Rouge for Louisiana State University. Paul Bologna and his wife sponsored his show in Baton Rouge and informed Shirley Jennings, harp instructor for Northwestern,

"Mrs. Bologna in Baton Rouge, a friend and fellow harp teacher, invited me to attend a friends recital where Bologna informed me of Sasha," Jennings said. "Bologna told me to bring my students to the show in Baton Rouge, but it was during the school week, so I planned to have a show here with Shasha."

In his eight years playing the harp, Boldachev has won numerous first and second prizes in international harp competitions. At age six, young Boldachev had composed his first song on the harp, and by the age of eleven Boldachev had won his first international competition. Along with his competitions, Boldachev has played in many European tours that including London, Paris, Orlean and Prague. Most recently Boldachev was awarded Britain's Brilliant Prodigy of 2003. Boldachev was the first non-British person to win this recognition.

Boldachev started his music career under his mother, a piano instructor in their home country of Russia, at the age of three. He first learned to play music on the piano, but his mother did not want him to be a pianist. The family had a friend, who played the harp, and soon after seeing a performance in Russia by the friend Boldachev began to practice the harp. He then later attended the Lyceum in St. Petersburg and the Rimsky Korsakov Conservatory.

Despite his amazing abilities with the harp, Boldachev is just a normal boy.

"I play football [soccer] and some computer games," Boldachev said, "and I collect coins."

His mother, Irina Sharapova, has been surprised by his amazing progress with music. She sometimes finds it hard that he could be so young he and so talented, but she remembers that he was raised around piano composers.

"Sometimes I'm surprised because he is my son," Sharapova said, "Sometimes he just amazes me. It is bizarre for someone his age."

Vladimir and Yelena Polezhayev sponsored Boldachev on his American trip. He is also recognized by composers world wide, and even has become noticed by famous harp designer Victor Salvi, who presented Boldachev with harps.



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Sasha Boldachev plays the harp during his performance at NSU Thursday.

When animals attack ... your new partner

By Mark de la Vina
KRT Campus

After years of searching for a soul mate, after countless dates with Mr. or Ms. Wrong, you've finally found your perfect match.

If only Fluffy agreed.

Pet owners entering a relationship often watch as their trusty tabby or their lovable Labrador turns psycho over the strange new person frequenting the home. Public displays of affection elicit growls, revised schedules lead to cat poop on the down comforter and, suddenly, an owner can feel as if she's in the doghouse.

Though cats, dogs and other pets react differently to stress, a disrupted routine can shake up an animal. And few life changes outside of a new baby can alter a routine, or make a pet owner readjust a schedule, like a new lover.

That's why a dog may display aggressive behavior — because it is generally fearful of losing more than a friend.

"The dog is looking at this new person and is afraid of losing his resources," explains Pia McGovern, owner and president of K-9 Insight Obedience of Redwood City, Calif. (www.k9insight.com).

"This is a brutal wake-up call, but for most pet owners, the dog doesn't love you," she says. "He loves what you can do for him."

The cat, more solitary by nature, in most cases is more inclined to avoid the new person than act aggressively, says Maureen Strenfel, animal behavior manager for Humane Society Silicon Valley (www.hssv.org). A feline might react to the change by stopping its use of the litter box, instead relieving itself where it feels safe and comfortable, such as on a bed or in a pile of the owner's clothes left on the floor.

Hillary Russak, a technical writer at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, learned that not all cats avoid the owner's new lover when she moved into her girlfriend's Oakland, Calif., home three years ago. Vinnie, her partner's orange bruiser of a cat, usually scratches or bites her when she walks by.

More accustomed to the low-key behavior of her Holland lop rabbit, Toadie, Russak — and her partner — ended up seeking couple's counseling because of the inter-species conflict. Russak and Vinnie have since entered into a period of kitty detente.

"Negotiating over your partner's animals is probably in the top five of the major issues of your relationship," she says. "It's up there with money, sex and the other big ones."

But no matter how animals react to the growing household, both owners and new partners need to remember that the pets ultimately are responding to a change in the owner's behavior, Strenfel says.

"We have to make people understand that the animal is not evil," she says. "And it is not thinking, 'I hate the new boyfriend, so I'm going to pee on his trouser leg when he comes through the door.' They're just animals."



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Back to Basics

For this week's column, I'd like to brush everyone up on the "basics" and the important things to remember about style and fashion.

Did you know that it's the little things that count when you're putting your wardrobe or your look together? Some overlook the most important things that can actually make or break an outfit and appearance. A few tips about what you must know about these factors might help…

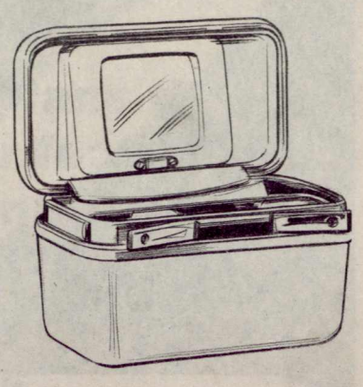
Maintaining nails and feet is definitely a plus. These days, not only do ladies find themselves getting manicures and pedicures, but the fellas are doing it as well, and it's a definite turn on! Guys, its impressive when a woman can see your nails and feet well taken care of…it says something about how you care for yourself. So, treat yourself to a manicure—get your nails and toes clipped and filed—there's nothing wrong with a man taking care of himself! And ladies remember, you don't have to wear color for those nails and toes to be gorgeous! Use a clear or neutral polish to keep nails strong and presentable. Also, winter is just around the corner, and our sandals will soon be pushed to the backs of our closets. Don't neglect your feet just because they'll be covered more…you never know who might see them!

Another important "basic" is keeping your skin up to par. Obviously, the cooler season brings some harsh changes to skin, so make sure you take good care of it. Everyone should cleanse their face twice daily and use some type of moisturizer. It's really important to get any dirt or debris off of your face that might have built up during the course of the day and to replenish the oils lost while cleansing. Also, exfoliate! (that goes for guys as well). By exfoliating, you're removing dead skin, which can make your skin appear dull. It's good to exfoliate at least three times a week, depending on how sensitive your skin is. Facial scrubs are acceptable, but they can be harsh on the skin. Exfoliators are not harsh, and they can be used more often.

One last important rule to remember is to maintain good posture. Posture is definitely a noticeable feature on people. Walk, sit and stand with your head up and shoulders back, and I guarantee many will notice your "basic" hygiene, clothes and hair, but they'll notice you first! Want to be taller? Believe it or not, good posture can also add an inch or two to your height. Maintaining good posture also says a great deal about your confidence and how you feel about yourself.

Keep these simple tactics in mind and I'm sure that you'll certainly agree with the significant idea of sticking with the basics!

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Students find inspiration while away at college

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Nearing the end of the 2003 fall semester, many students, have been overwhelmed with assignments and preparations for their final exams. Some have become homesick and miss their loved ones in their hometowns. All students can agree that its time for Thanksgiving vacation. Students have been using different methods to take their mind off stress from academics and personal matters, seeking refuge from the tensions of college through exercise, counseling from friends, and prayer.

Sara Birch, a freshman secondary education major, has found her stress relief through talking to loved ones at home.

"It feels really good to know that you have someone close to you to lift you up when it seems like all is hopeless."

Many students go to the counseling center on the third floor of the Student Union, where they are offered counseling and academic advice from trained and experienced counselors.

Mandy Mangrum, a freshman music performance major, said she finds her answer of stress relief through prayer and hanging out.

"Prayer helps me immensely with my studies and my personal life." Mangrum said, "It's also funny to watch my friends do pilates, because it makes me laugh and it's a good time to take a break from my school work."

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>
> **Sara Birch**
> Freshman secondary education major

Pamela Bryant, a freshman nursing major, has found her solution to stress through running. "Whenever I really need to get away from it all, I like to go to the track and run a few miles to get my mind off of the world and just reorganize my mind."

NSU offers students various physical activities with which to get involved to take their mind off of college life and to get into shape.

Cory Knight, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, found his stress relief through the Bible study. "Reading and reflecting on God's word has always helped me find the answer to my worries. I also find it comforting to go down to the Cane River and just look at all of what God has Created."

There are various ministries off campus that can offer students spiritual aid and counseling. Four University-supported collegiate ministries are on College Avenue.

NSU students reach for the stars in Natchitoches Idol

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Natchitoches idol has taken NSU by storm.

The first round of Natchitoches Idol took place Oct. 25, featuring 15 contestants. Three of the eight semi-finalists are NSU students. Desmond Meeks, Karen Burns and Conner Walton will represent NSU in the Natchitoches Idol semi-finals. They will be judged on their vocal quality, style, presentation and response from the crowd. The grand prize is $300 in cash, a chance to record a demo, which will be presented to a record company in Nashville, Tennessee and the opportunity to open at the Natchitoches R&B Festival. Second place prize is $200, and third place is $100 in cash.

> "It has been my destiny to perform and I hope to one day go all the way."
>
> **Desmond Meeks**
> NSU student and Natchitoches Idol semi-finalist

"I'm very excited," said theatre major Walton, "I hope to be well prepared for the semi-finals."

All three are preparing themselves at their own pace and are not anxious for the next competition. They all want to take their time and make sure that everything will be just right for their next performance.

"I still have no idea what piece I'm using for the next competition," said Meeks, a theatre major. "But I know I'll be ready when the time comes to perform."

Each individual is excited and honored to have been chosen for the next round and have appreciated the support from their fellow students.

"I know wouldn't be where I'm at without my band," said Meeks. "They've been there with me through thick and through thin and they have given me more support than I could have wished for. It has been my destiny to perform and I hope to one day go all the way."

Since there has been no word on the date for the next round of Natchitoches Idol, semi-finalists have made no preparations, but preparations should begin within the next couple of weeks. All three agree that they have no worries and plan to go and do their best.

Karen Burns was unavailable for comment.

'Wheel' turning a corner: Game show nears 4,000th episode

By Donna Petrozzello
KRT Campus

"Wheel of Fortune" has been in syndication for 20 years — a huge milestone — and this month it airs episode No. 4,000.

Host Pat Sajak and letter-turner Vanna White recently taped the episode, a highlight reel of the game show's past moments, at Radio City Music Hall.

Since it launched, "Wheel of Fortune" has been a staple on local stations during daytime and early evening.

It has been the most-watched syndicated series since 1984. Sajak replaced Chuck Woolery in 1981, while "Wheel" was still a network daytime show. White arrived a year later.

"Wheel of Fortune" averaged 16 million viewers last season, according to Nielsen Media Research.

And it doesn't appear there will be a change in the winning formula anytime soon.

Sajak says the simplicity of the show and the quality of the puzzles are the keys to its longevity.

"With all the technology that's available to us, we stick with this giant carnival wheel that goes clunk, clunk, clunk," he says.

"But people love our clunking. If we ever got rid of that, we'd have a problem." White's popularity — and her ever-changing wardrobe — helps, too. Her 1987 autobiography, "Vanna Speaks," was a best seller.

Sajak and White begin the first year of a three-year contract next summer, and stations have signed up for the show through the 2007-08 season.

"My suspicion is that I'll go away before the show does, but I don't know when that'll be," Sajak said. "It could be three years from now, or maybe they'll have to wheel me out."

The 4,000th episode will air next Monday. It's part of the show's November sweeps theme weeks, which include a National Basketball Association week and five nights of New York-flavored shows that began airing Monday.

"We love being in a city that has real, honest-to-God sports fans who have a deep, longstanding allegiance to their favorite teams," said Harry Friedman, executive producer of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" for Sony Pictures Television.

"There's great intra-city rivalry here and that fosters an even greater sense of spirited competition."

Knick guard Allan Houston and broadcaster and former Knick star Walt Frazier will appear on the show.

After anchoring so many episodes of the show, Sajak has congratulated thousands of winners and consoled as many losers but he remembers very few of them.

"When you've done that many shows and taped several in the same day, your mind is like a blender on the puree setting," Sajak said.

"The shows just sort of spin around in there, and it's hard to isolate specific instances."

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which dropped NSU to the fourth seed.

The Demons and the Lady Indians battled it out in Monroe to a scoreless tie last Friday after 110 minutes of play. The Demons did win against ULM earlier in the year at the home 1-0.

"Monroe took something away from us when we didn't beat them, it dropped us a spot in the tournament, so I think we can beat them on our own field this time," senior defender Jennifer Robbins said.

NSU is making their second straight conference tournament trip as they defend their crown after winning the tournament last year. The Demons are riding a five-game unbeaten streak entering the tournament.

NSU has played in the conference tournament five times and have won three tourneys with NCAA berths (1997, 2000, 2002).

Robbins said NSU has improved as a team and played most of the conference teams in the tournament earlier in the season.

"We have matured as a team since the last time we played these teams and we always come out and play good at home," Robbins said. "We have won the tournament three times since I have been playing here and we just feel confident playing in the tournament."

Demon goaltender Nellie Latiolais stopped every shot in last week's game against ULM earning SLC Player of the Week honors for the third straight week. Latiolais was the 2002 SLC Tournament Most Valuable Player as she picked up her league-leading seventh shutout of the season. In 19 games, Nelly had 126 saves and allowed 29 goals in 1,765 minutes of play.

NSU starts the tournament with opening round action on Thursday at 2 p.m. A three-day tournament pass is $14 for adults and $8 for children. Daily ticket prices are $8 for adults and $6 for children. Students of any SLC school are admitted free by presenting a current ID from their institution.

Eight Demons honored on All-Conference Soccer Team

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Third-seeded Texas State and fourth-seeded Northwestern State each placed a league-best five players on the All-Southland Conference Women's Soccer Team announced Wednesday, and both teams hope that reflects a first-round SLC Tournament triumph Thursday in games at the NSU Soccer Complex.

Texas State (8-9-2) plays sixth-seeded McNeese State (5-12-2) at 11:30 a.m. with Northwestern (9-8-2) facing fifth-seeded Louisiana-Monroe (8-10-2) at 2 p.m. Thursday in opening round games.

The NSU-ULM survivor plays at 2 Friday against second-seeded Stephen F. Austin (13-4-2) while the Texas State-McNeese winner draws top-seeded Southeastern Louisiana (14-1-4) at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The championship game is at 11 a.m. Sunday with the winner advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Northwestern has won two of the last three SLC Tournaments under coach Jimmy Mitchell and also took the crown in 1997.

"It's a good bracket and a very competitive field," he said. "We're going to have to play very well and be very fortunate to defend our tournament championship and get back to the NCAAs for a second straight year. Playing at home does give us an advantage but it comes down to which team plays the best this weekend."

Northwestern's All-SLC selections were headed by first-team picks Stephanie Miller and Natalie Waguespack. Hillarie Marshall, Katie Priest and Tara Powasnik represented the Demons on the second team while Brittany Hung, Nellie Latiolais and Heather Penico of NSU were honorable mention selections in voting by the eight head coaches in the conference.

Miller, a sophomore midfielder from Ft. Meyers, Fla., leads the Demons with eight goals and three assists to rank eighth in the SLC with 19 points. Waguespack, a freshman defender from Baker, has two goals and two assists for NSU.

Marshall, a senior from San Marcos, Cal., won her fourth All-SLC award and was a repeat pick on the All-SLC second team. She is also a two-time Academic All-SLC selection who is the Demons' third-leading scorer with 12 points (4 goals, 4 assists), including two game-winners.

Priest, last year's SLC Player of the Year as a defender, is a junior from Raleigh, N.C., who missed five games with injuries and earned her second all-conference honor despite not scoring a point in 14 games. Powasnik, a sophomore defender from Logan, Utah, also earned her second straight All-SLC award on her defensive performance after scoring only once in 19 games.

Hung, a junior forward from Raleigh, N.C., was a second-team All-SLC pick last year who is the Demons' second-leading scorer with 13 points (5 goals, 3 assists). Penico, a sophomore forward from River Ridge, was the 2002 SLC Freshman of the Year and a first-team All-SLC pick last year after leading the Demons in scoring.

With a more balanced offense this year, she has three goals for six points. Latiolais, a junior goalkeeper from Lafayette, has seven shutouts this year, a league-best.

Southeastern senior forward Kendra Oney was the SLC Player of the Year while Nicole Nelson of Stephen F. Austin won Coach of the Year honors. Texas State forward Natalie Holder took Freshmen of the Year and Ashley Bock of Nicholls State was the Newcomer of the Year on the All-SLC team.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
NSU Demon Brittany Hung was named Honorable Mention on the 2003 Southland Conference Soccer Team. Eight demons were named to the conference team.

Cross Country runner Noah Murgor earns All-SLC honors

Courtesy Sports Information
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Northwestern State senior Noah Murgor earned All-Southland Conference honors Monday by virtue of his sixth-place finish at the 2003 SLC Cross Country Championships.

Murgor, who has won three races this fall, covered the 8,000-meter course at Ravens' Nest Golf Course in 25:51.90 while Stephen F. Austin's Michael Thompson won in 24:57.80.

Raul Villarreal of Sam Houston State ran second at 25:13.40, followed by Nathan Flores of SFA (25:31.50), Justin Meier of SFA (25:43.30) and Kris Gilmore of McNeese (25:50.30) as the only other runners ahead of Murgor in the 73-man field.

Jonah Chelimo was the next Demon finisher in 15th place (26:40.50). The top 10 individuals made All-SLC, which Chelimo did last year with a seventh-place finish.

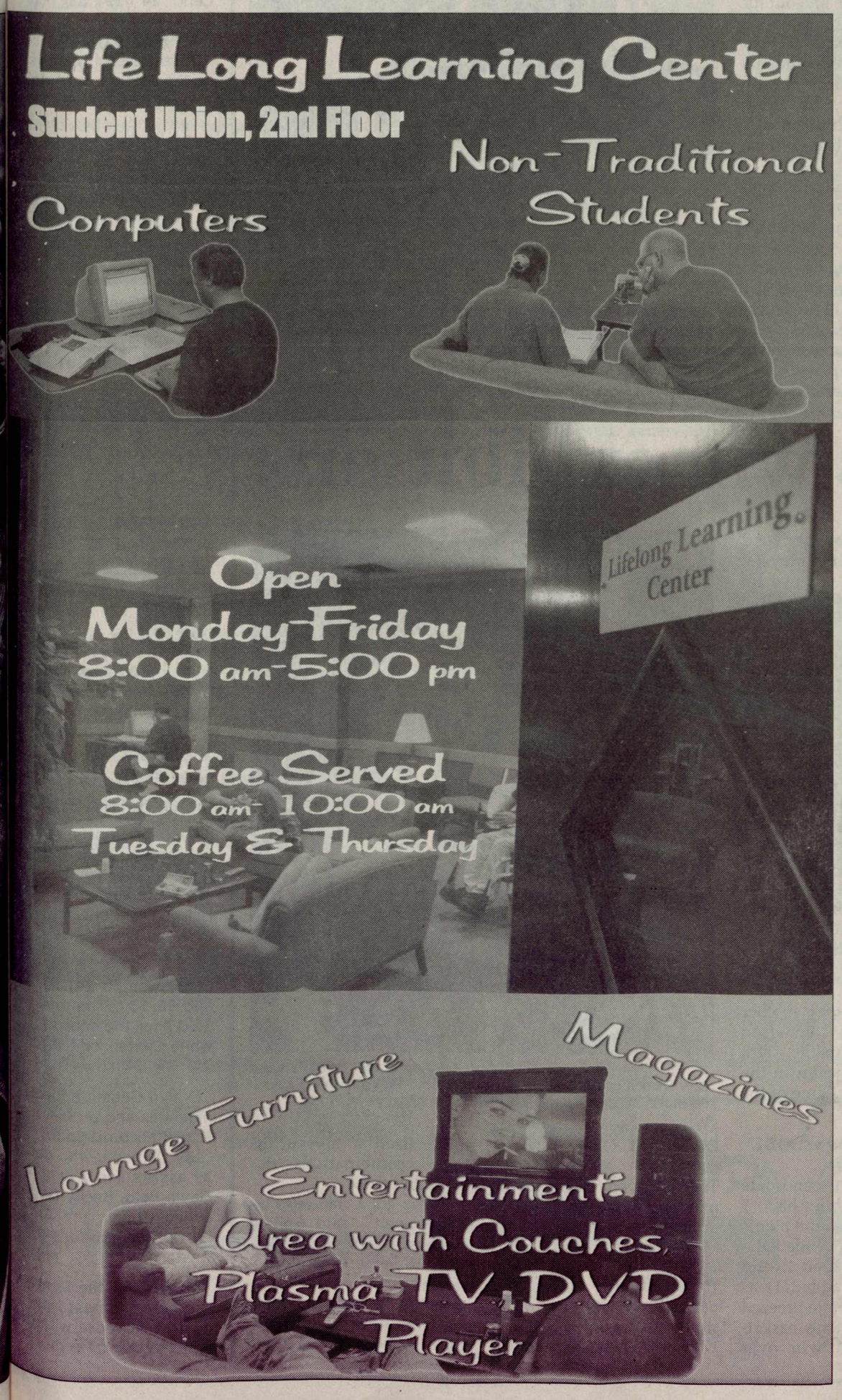
Other NSU men's scorers were Chris Groome, 50th in 29:09.60; Aaron Heflin, 55th at 29:39.20; and Chris Warren, 61st in 30:25.80, while Jeff Parker (67th, 31:51.00) and Phil Hattaway (69th, 32:11.40) also ran for the Demons.

Stephen F. Austin swept the team titles at the meet for the second straight year. Northwestern finished ninth in the men's race with 187 points and eighth in the women's competition with 215 points as 11 teams ran in each division.

Jill Schenk was the top scorer for the Lady Demons, taking 32nd place over the 5,000-meter course in 19:24.70. Teammate Margeaux Fisher was right behind in 34th place, running a 19:25.20, and Linzie Ledford was the third scorer for NSU in 41st with a 19:49.40 time. Rounding out the scorecard for the Lady Demons were Abby Saloman, 53rd in 20:30.60, and Christy Stark, 55th in 20:44.40.

Also running from NSU were Kate Hoffpauir, 61st in 21:28.20, and Leslie Lambert, 64th with a 21:28.20 clocking.

SFA's Ana Rodriguez was the women's individual champion with a 17:11.80 time.



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— FOOTBALL —
10/25 vs. Nicholls — 2:30 p.m.

— VOLLEYBALL —
10/24 vs. Sam Houston — 7 p.m.

— SOCCER —
10/24 vs. Southeastern — 3:30 p.m.
10/26 vs. Nicholls —1 p.m.

SPORTS



Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Demon football

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Demon fans get ready. After a week's rest, the Demons are ready to come back for more. And this time they might win.

Ok, ok, before anyone goes and misinterprets that as downing the Demons, let me say, it's not.

I'm not saying we should have won the Nicholls game, but I'm not saying I never thought we wouldn't do it either.

You are supposed to pick the weakest team in your conference to play against at Homecoming. The really bad thing is that we play just that team this week!

What happened there, I do not know, but Nicholls was not a good choice for Homecoming.

I said two weeks ago that I thought they were going to be tough to beat. They are near the top when it comes to offensive production, not to mention they run the option.

That option ran all over the Demons.

So, on behalf of the entire student body I would like to bid the Demon football team good luck on Saturday's game against the saddest team in the SLC, Sam Houston State.

It has been a good week of rest for the Demons, who really needed it after so many injuries two weeks ago. Thankfully we have gotten back a few injured players, but unfortunately we will still be missing a few.

After our big break we still will be missing tight end John Gilpin and Defensive lineman Michael King. What could be worse? Maybe the fact that the running back tag team will be half-staffed this week could make things worse.

Derrick Johnese will be out this week still leaving Shelton Sampson alone in the backfield. Johnese is still recovering from an ankle injury from the Nicholls State beating.

This week the Demons are not only playing Sam Houston, but they are playing them away. Two weeks after a big loss and a week of recovery, the Demons must prove everyone wrong on the road.

Now tell me that doesn't suck!

The Bearkats don't have any highlights I can write about or even a good record, but if the Demons want to win this week they are going to have to forget Homecoming.

The last thing we need to cap off a Homecoming loss is to lose to the worst team in the conference. Well, the last team they played slaughtered them, so hopefully we can too.

The Demons do not need to overlook the Bearkats as Sam Houston lost to Stephen F. Austin by only three points on a last minute field goal.

Also, the Bearkats played tough against No. 1 ranked McNeese. SHSU rolled up 514 offensive yards against the Cowboys.

Good luck Demons, even though I don't think you'll need it.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service
NSU Demon Jacqui Lawrence tries to kick the ball past an opposing defender in a game earlier this season. NSU is hopes to win the conference tournament this weekend and earn an automatic NCAA bid.

Kicking for No. 4

NSU soccer team looks to win a fourth conference tournament title

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The Southland Conference Soccer Tournament kicks off Thursday and finishes with the championship game on Sunday, with the winner of the tournament earning a spot in the NCAA tournament.

The NSU Demons are hosting the tournament at the Demon Soccer Complex with a No. 4 seed for the tournament.

The top seed goes to the Southeastern Lady Lions, who clinched their third regular-season title this year and are unbeaten in their last 12 games.

SLU and No. 2 seed Stephen F. Austin open the tournament with first round byes and will face first round winners on Friday.

SFA set a single-season school record with 13 wins. The No. 3 seed Texas State will play No. 6 seed McNeese State who squeaked into the tournament.

No. 3 Texas State leaped over NSU who dropped to the No. 4 seed. NSU squares off against No. 5 seed University of Louisiana at Monroe in the opening round. This is a rematch from the last regular season game

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Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSU Soccer
(9-8-2, 7-3-2)
Road Games

Oct. 31, 2003
Northwestern State vs. University of La.—Monroe
(8-10-2, 6-5-1)

NSU 0-ULM 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	OT	O2	Final
NSU	0	0	0	0	0
ULM	0	0	0	0	0

Oct. 26, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Nicholls (1-11, 4-16)

NSU 3-NICH 2

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	1	2	**3**
NICH	0	2	2

Key Player:
Hillarie Marshall
Game winning goal
senior defender

NSU Volleyball
(10-17, 5-10)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Shannon Puder
11 kills & hit .556
sophomore middle blocker

Nov. 04, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Centenary (5-24)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	- **3**
Cent.	24	19	13	- 0

Nov. 01, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Texas-San Antonio** (16-11, 11-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	28	21	30	27	- 1
UTSA	30	30	25	30	**-3**

Northwestern State vs. **Texas State** (18-6, 14-1

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	30	27	25	23	- 1
TSU	27	30	30	30	**- 3**

Northwestern State vs. **Sam Houston State** (9-14, 6-9)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
NSU	25	30	25	30	9	-
SHSU	30	26	30	24	15	-

Demon hockey starts season 1-4-1

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Demon fans pack Brown-Stroud Field, Prather Coliseum and Turpin Stadium each week to see the traditional NSU teams compete, but few know of NSU's hidden athletic club.

While traditional Demon competitions flood the week and the minds of NSU students, the NSU Inline Hockey Club plays just as hard for the same goal: victory!

The NSU Inline Hockey Club has not been around long. They were founded in the fall of 2001, but since then they have grown.

"The first year was hard," Club President Alan Sypert said. "We were a young team and didn't have everything together yet."

This year the team is twelve members strong and has a handful of faithful helpers and followers regardless of the lack of a home court.

Sypert, the team's alternate captain, said the few that follow the team to games are consistent and loyal.

"Usually it's family members who come to see us when we play nearby, but it helps just to have fans at all," Sypert said.

The lack of fan support mainly comes from the lack of a home court. The club currently rents out the ice skating rink in Natchitoches once a week for practice, but must travel at least two hours away to play each weekend.

Lafayette, Denton and Houston are the closest cities with playable arenas, so for every game the club must pack up and take a road trip.

"It is a major burden, but that's really our only option," Sypert said.

Regardless of the little resources the club has, it still manages to pull in new faces, including freshman goalie Kellen McGregor.

"I came here for the music department really, but the hockey sold me on the school," McGregor said.

McGregor is one of many students who found the club through the NSU web site and booths the club set up at various recruiting events. These resources help enormously to put the Inline Hockey Club's name out for people to see.

"I was amazed at how many incoming students came to our booth already knowing of our club," Club Advisor Kenneth Green said. "The web site has done so much for us."

This season will be a tough one for the young club.

They began their schedule two weeks ago with extremely difficult teams. They currently stand at 1-4-1 on the season, but expect something more.

"Last year we were two spots out of the playoffs, but we are hoping for better this year," Sypert said. "We are more disciplined this year so hopefully this will be a good year."



Courtesy of NSU Demon Hockey
NSU Demon Goalie Kellen McGregor makes a desperation save against TCU. This is Demon Hockey's third season at Northwestern.

Basketball teams win exhibitions

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NSU vs. Ouachita Baptist

Tyronn Mitchell scored 13 points Tuesday night as Northwestern State dumped Ouachita Baptist 73-57 in a men's basketball exhibition game at Prather Coliseum.

Mitchell, a sophomore point guard for the Demons, sank nine of 10 free throws while handing out four assists, making three steals and grabbing four rebounds.

He was the only double-digit scorer for Northwestern, which got at least four points from 11 different players as a dozen Demons all played at least 11 minutes.

Sophomore Tim Van had eight points, a game-high nine rebounds and four steals for the Demons, who shot 30 of 56 from the floor despite missing all eight of their three-point shots.

Northwestern overcame 26 turnovers and made 21 steals as Ouachita Baptist had 30 turnovers and shot just 32 percent (19-59) from the field, including only two of 17 on three-point shots.

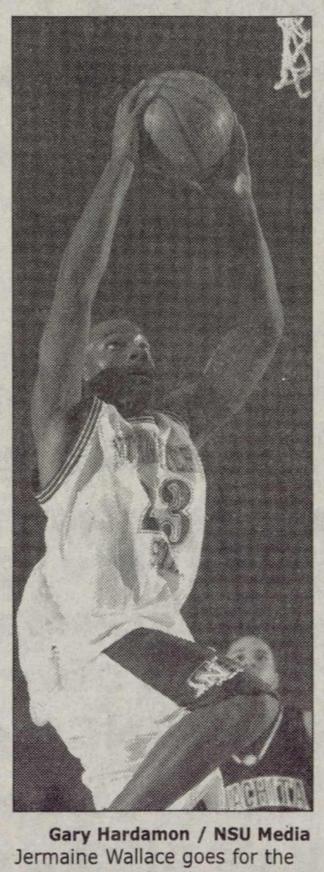
"It wasn't very pretty to watch at times, but not many exhibition games are," said fifth-year Demon coach Mike McConathy.

"I thought we gave a good effort even if the execution was a little up and down. We saw a lot of good things from our players. Tim Van really stepped up and gave us good production like he's capable of doing."

Northwestern played without two returning starters, Clifton Lee and Jermaine Spencer, who were sidelined by minor injuries. Byron Allen, who along with Lee and Jermaine Wallace were the Demons' double-digit scorers last year, played only the second half.

NSU raced to a 19-3 lead and was never seriously threatened. OBU cut the margin under 10 points just briefly after halftime, but got no closer than nine points.

The Demons play another Division II foe, Henderson State, next Thursday night at Prather Coliseum in the final exhibition game of the preseason.



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media
Jermaine Wallace goes for the dunk against Ouachita Baptist.

Lady Demons vs. OBU

All-American candidate La'Terrica Dobin had 9 assists, 7 steals and 8 points Tuesday night while Diamond Cosby scored 15 and Sheronda Bell added 11 as Northwestern State breezed to a 70-60 women's basketball exhibition win over Division II Ouachita Baptist.

The Lady Demons put all 14 players in the scoring column and everybody played at least 8 minutes. Northwestern led 53-30 with 15:26 left after hitting 57 percent of its first-half shots, but cooled off as 17th-year coach James Smith used a myriad of lineup combinations the rest of the game.

"We've got a chance to be pretty good," said Smith, who has 316 wins in his previous 16 seasons at Northwestern.

Northwestern, which plays another exhibition game against Henderson



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Services
Lady Demon guard Diamond Cosby dribbles past a Ouachita Baptist defender Tuesday night. NSU won the exhibition game 70-60.

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball rolls over Centenary

Shannon Puder had 11 kills and hit .556 Tuesday night as the Northwestern State volleyball team rolled over Centenary 3-1 in a non-conference match.

NSU won 30-24, 30-19 and 30-13 to improve to 11-17 for the season while Centenary fell to 5-24.

Evelyn Getzen added nine kills and a .364 attack percentage for the Lady Demons, who got 39 assists and 7 digs by Flavia Belo. Becky David added 19 digs and Cathy Herring had 16 for Northwestern.

Up next for the Demons is a home contest Nov. 7 against McNeese with the first match at 7 p.m.

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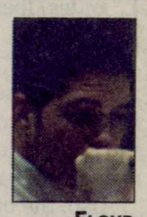
SGA allocates $3,500 for Warrior

Senate approves conservative speaker, former wrestler for spring Distinguished Lecturer

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Monday, the SGA approved a bill to allocate $3,500 to sponsor a Distinguished Lecturer for next semester.

The SGA will invite former professional wrestler and conservative speaker Warrior, formerly known as The Ultimate Warrior, to speak at NSU in the spring.



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"This is going to bring in some of the people that we don't normally reach."

Dustin Floyd
SGA Senior Class Senator, sponsor of a bill selecting Warrior as spring's Distinguished Lecturer

Discussion of the bill lasted approximately 20 minutes.

SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux provided each senator a copy of the Distinguished Lecture Series' account budget. According to the budget, there will be $9,116.15 available in the account to spend on a lecturer in the spring.

SGA Advisor Carl Henry explained that the distinguished lecturer account gains about $9,200 in student fees each year, divided between fall and spring semesters. The budget total of $9,116.15 includes the $4,600 to be collected in the spring 2004 semester. If $3,500 is spent in the spring on the Warrior lecture, the

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Nader speaks to community

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On Nov. 7, consumer and political activist and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader told NSU students, "If you're not turned on to politics, politics will turn on you."

Nader spoke at NSU as part of the University's and Student Government Association's Distinguished Lecturer series.

Nader urged the audience of about 360 "to become engaged in our own country's democratic process." He said that the nation's power is in "too few hands" and "few decide for many." Nader's solution called for all citizens to be in contact with their elected representatives.

He said citizens need to be the watchdogs for their government, and that includes writing and e-mailing elected officials in Washington to keep them aware of local and state problems and issues.

Nader also stressed that citizens should ask elected officials to keep their congressional voting records posted on their Web sites.

Nader has been on the controversial forefront since the early 1970's, when he first began his automobile safety campaign while in law school.

Nader said, "Some causes have had great permanent public effect and bad temporary personal effect."

That was the case in the late 1960's when he lobbied for a non-smoking compartment on airlines. After smoking on airlines was banned and he sat next to a smoker on the last official smoking flight he realized that his bad personal effect would be to have smoke exhaled towards him for the duration of the flight.

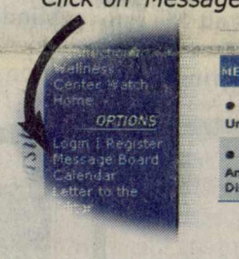
Thursday's visit was Nader's sec-

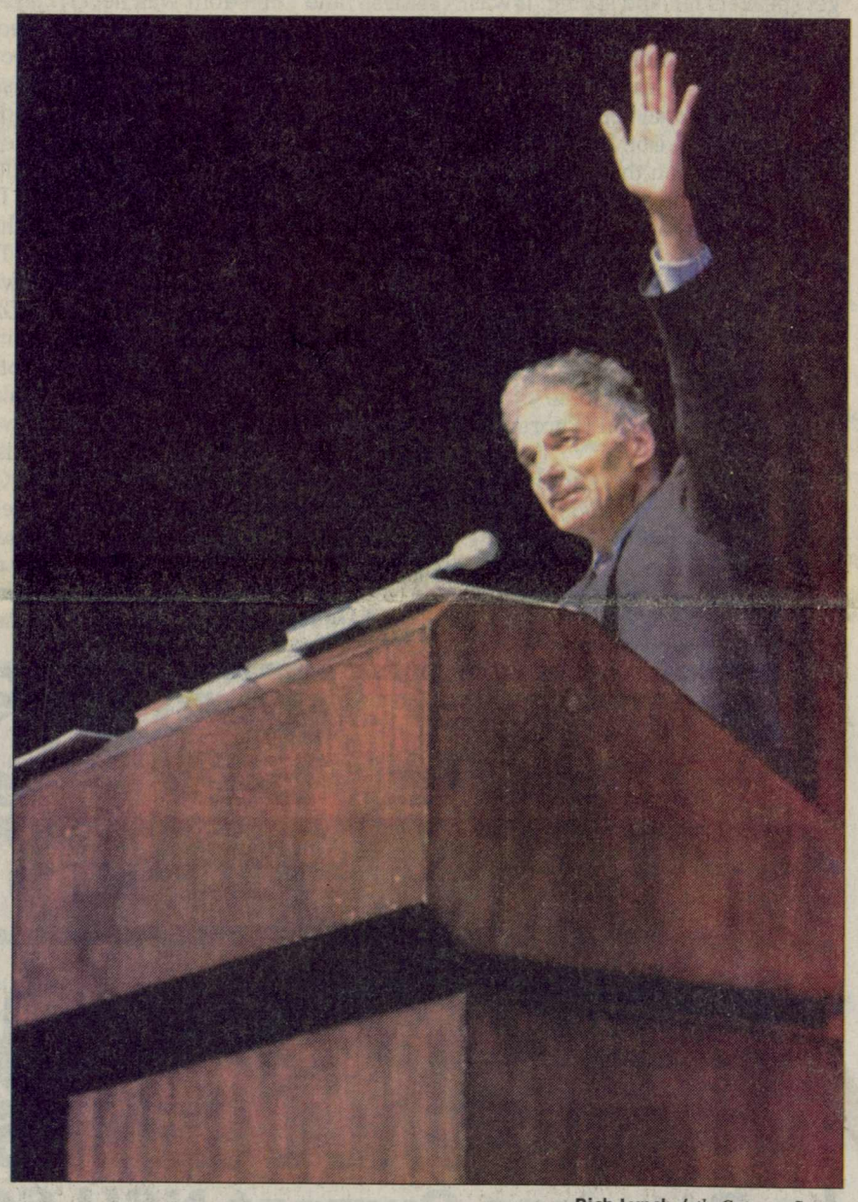
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Your Voice

Did you go to Ralph Nader's speech? If so, did you agree with his views? Vote and discuss online at ***currentsauce.com***

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Distinguished Lecturer Ralph Nader gestures during his speech Thursday night in A. A. Fredericks auditorium.

Blanco fundraiser draws top University officials

By Kyle A. Carter
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Supporters of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco's gubernatorial campaign held a $25-per-plate dinner fundraiser Nov. 6 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Attendees included city council members, former Mayor Joe Sampite, members of local government, mayors from the cities of Winnfield, Ferriday, Vidalia, Many, and other surrounding towns, Caddo Indian Tribal Council Chief Rufus Davis, and Rep. Joe Salter.

Campus heads at the dinner included NSU President Randall Webb, newly appointed Vice President of University Affairs John Dilworth, the deans of the departments of English, journalism, and education, and Don Hatley, dean of the liberal arts department.



Cheryl Thompson / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Blanco smiles at an audience member on Nov. 6 in the Student Union Ballroom as University President Randall Webb thanks her for coming.

Also attending the dinner were members of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts administration and English department faculty as well as local business owners and Natchitoches residents.

The dinner was a chance for Blanco to raise money for her campaign and get her word out to central Louisiana constituents.

"The goal of tonight's fundraiser is to get Kathleen Blanco a chance to meet voters and express her platform," said councilwoman Sylvia Morrow.

Blanco's speech outlined a need for citizens to vote, the role of strong public education, job creation and healthcare reform. Blanco told attendees her plan to set up two flagship colleges in the state, one each in north and south Louisiana. Blanco also spoke of her plans to create a healthcare council comprised of members of local medical communities in order to find ways to improve the state's healthcare policies. Other items on her list included the tourism industry, better nursing program and getting new automobile factories built to create new jobs.

"My goal as the next governor is not to just be the first female governor but to be the best governor," Blanco said. "I want to provide opportunities for our children. I want to be known as the governor that brought our children home."

What's Current?

NEWS

New scholarship founded in memory of orthodontist

The Dr. Jimmy Bankston Endowed Scholarship has been established in the NSU Foundation.

The scholarship was set up in memory of Bankston, a leading central Louisiana orthodontist and businessman, who died Oct. 11 at 64 from cancer.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Grant High School that will be a freshman pre-dentistry or education major at NSU. The student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or have a learning disability.

For more information, contact the NSU Foundation at 357-4414.

Study: Dark beer heart-healthier

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) — Like chocolate and wine, the darker the beer, the better it may be for your heart, according to a new study.

In a comparison of Guinness Stout, a dark beer, and Heineken, a light beer, the darker brew had substantially more anti-clotting activity, according to a University of Wisconsin-Madison scientist who presented his findings Tuesday at the American Heart Association annual meeting.

Guinness proved to be about twice as effective at preventing the blood platelets from clumping and forming the kind of clot that can cause a heart attack, according to the study's main author, John Folts, a professor of medicine and nutritional director of the University of Wisconsin Coronary Thrombosis Research and Vascular Biology Laboratory.

Folts did his research in test tube studies and on eight dogs.

He said a person would have to reach a blood alcohol level of 0.06 in order to get the optimal anti-clotting effect. He said that for the typical person, that could be accomplished with two 12-ounce bottles.

"We'd like to do a study and have people drink dark beer for two weeks and drink two weeks of light-colored beer," Folts said. "We haven't found anybody interested in funding that."

What's Updated?

NEWS

Suicide bombing in Iraq targets Italians, kills at least 25

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — A suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives at Italian military police headquarters in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah on Wednesday, killing at least 25 people, including 17 Italians and eight Iraqis, and injuring about 21 others.

The blast — the bloodiest single attack in Iraq since August — came as U.S. military officials estimated that the strength of the Iraqi resistance had grown to roughly 50,000 Iraqis and foreigners, according to senior Bush administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. The estimate includes combatants, spies, couriers and others who support the attacks on Americans but don't participate in them.

The huge estimate of the size of the Iraqi resistance seemed to explain the ability of insurgents to strike almost anywhere in the country. U.S. forces have been facing up to 35 attacks a day in Iraq, mainly in the central area of the country that is dominated by Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority. Nasiriyah is dominated by the Shiite majority and had been relatively peaceful.

What's Next Week?

You cheer on student athletes.
You read, watch and listen to student media.
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Student soldiers?

the Current Sauce takes a look at NSU's own

Demon Battalion

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ond to NSU; his first was in December 1970.

Nader spoke harshly about corporations and their rights given under law. He questioned the audience about why corporations are given so many legal liberties under the civil justice system when they don't vote, fight in wars or act as individuals. If corporations don't act as individuals, he asked, then why should they be treated as such?

Nader stressed that we, as a nation, have grown up corporate, and we accept too much. He said we should be asking the government why we can own (through taxes), but not control anything political.

Nader also said he has problems with the medical industry. He spoke about heavy taxpayer subsidies and said that the taxpayer may as well be writing checks to the nation's health program. Nader said that taxpayers "pay to discover, test and distribute medicine." Nader said those who are paying aren't always receiving their equal share because "the drug industry spent $258 million lobbying Congress."

Nader said that there is no money in vaccines, only money in daily drugs like blood pressure medications and life-style drugs. For this reason, the government and industries can increase prices on these must-have drugs. As a result, Nader said, "People go to Canada daily for cheaper medications because some in America must choose between food and medication."

Nader said that with the growing availability of doctor prescribed medications, 100,000 people per year "die because of over medication or wrongly medicated, including children who wrongly receive Ritalin."

For further information on Nader and his projects visit www.essential.org, and for those who are interested in the Public Interest Research Groups, you can visit their Web site at www.studentpirgs.org.

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budget will have a balance of $5,616.15. Approximately $4,600 will be collected in the fall semester, so the amount of money that will be available to employ a fall speaker will be about $10,216.15.

Boudreaux suggested that the senate save the Distinguished Lecturer Series money for a speaker next year.

"My recommendation is to bring in a bigger name," Boudreaux said.

The $3,500 allocated for Warrior is less than one-fourth of the $15,200 the SGA reserved for this fall's lecturer, Ralph Nader.

Henry said, "The Distinguished Lecturer Series was not meant to get speakers fall and spring. It was meant to get one good speaker in the fall. The more money you spend now, the less money you'll have on a national speaker."

The bill's sponsor, Dustin Floyd, said, "The reason that I bring him (Warrior) to the table is not just because he's a former professional wrestler. I think that adds a lot to him as far as drawing ability. I think that this is going to bring a lot of students that would not normally come to an SGA event. This is going to bring in some of the people that we don't normally reach."

Floyd provided list of topics that the Warrior lectures about, and it will be up to the SGA to choose that topic. The list includes, "That's a conservative chip on my shoulder… go ahead, try to knock it off," "Real man morality. Immorality is for punks and sissies," and "Freedom was never free and it is not now."

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> **Shantel Wempren**
> One of two SGA senators to vote against lecturer bill

"Due to my prior knowledge about how people get intrigued to do things, reading through his speech topics, they're kind of odd, so people are going to be intrigued to see what this man has to say," Senator Ashlie Fisher said.

The bill was passed by a significant margin, and only two SGA senators, Casey Ponders and Shantel Wempren, voted against the bill.

Wempren named her reasons for voting against the bill.

"Number one, the speaker is going to make a laughingstock out of the SGA and the Distinguished Lecturer Series. Number two, it appeals to less than one-fourth of the University campus because it appeals to white males ranged 18-22 (years old). The demographic on campus is about three girls to every one guy, and there are more people of different ethnic backgrounds than there are of Caucasian or of white background, so it doesn't really appeal to much of the student body, and that's basically it. It's a joke," Wempren said.

The senate also approved two other pieces of legislation.

The first was a bill proposing several revisions the section of the SGA by-laws concerning organizational grants. Last week, the senate voted to refer this bill to the internal affairs committee for further review, and it was rewritten for this week's senate meeting.

Currently, organizational grants are awarded to organizations that use the funds for special projects or events that benefit all NSU students of the Natchitoches campus. The bill proposed allowing organizations to use organizational grant funds for projects that will benefit the total image of the University within the community.

Also, the bill proposed changing the deadlines for organizational grant applications for the fall and spring semesters to two weeks later than the original deadlines.

This bill was passed by a unanimous vote.

A resolution stating that the University should provide at least 15 more trash receptacles in Watson Library was also unanimously approved by the senate.

A proposed bill requiring all student media organizations to turn in their proposed budgets for the semester to be approved by the senate was tabled at last week's meeting. According to the bill, the student media budgets should have been turned in at the beginning of the semester. The bill's sponsor, Dustin Floyd, chose to withdraw the bill from consideration this week. Floyd said that he has received budgets from all student media organizations except for the Argus, but he said that the Argus staff did contact him.

At the end of the meeting, Sen. Mindy McConnell moved to amend a bill that was previously approved by the senate on Oct. 6. The bill proposed allowing study carrels in Watson Library to be used by both undergraduate and graduate students. The study carrels were previously designated only for graduate students.

The bill that was previously passed in the senate stated that the study carrels will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis for undergraduate and graduate students. The amendment changed the bill so that half of the study carrels will be designated to graduate students, and half of the study carrels will be designated to undergraduate students.

Three resolutions were tabled this week until the next SGA meeting Nov. 17. The first resolution proposes that the University purchase at least six new industrial-sized garbage cans for the married student housing complex to alleviate a garbage overflow problem.

The second resolution states the fence between the married student housing complex and the railroad tracks east of campus is damaged, and the University should repair it for security purposes.

According to the third resolution, there is no handicap access ramp in the parking lot of Roy Hall, and the University should provide one.

NSU Police Blotter

11-6-03
8:04 p.m.
A wreck involving two cars held up traffic at the stoplight in front of the student union. A wrecker was called to remove the vehicles, and the two victims were transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.
9:40 p.m.
An ambulance was called to the Athletic Field House, because the manager popped his knee out of socket. He was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.
11-7-03
7:49 a.m.
Jason Ward called the police station regarding a break in to his Ford Explorer in the Rapides/Iberville parking lot
8:01 a.m.
A black Pontiac Grand Am was also broken into in the Rapides/Iberville parking lot. The passenger side window was broken for entry, and the corner of the rear passenger door was broken. One Pioneer CD player, two 12" speakers, and 23 CDs were stolen.
8:06 p.m.
Dan Snyder called Campus Police because his black Ford Ranger, parked in the Iberville/Rapides parking lot, was also broken into through the back glass. One CD player was stolen. Reports were made on all thefts.
11-8-03
2:54 a.m.
A call was received from Bossier Hall from someone who said there was a subject in Dodd Hall whom they could barely hear breathing. Police talked to the roommate of the girl who said she had not seen her since 9:00 p.m. The Natchitoches Parish Hospital was called to see if she had been treated there, but she had not been through. Restroom of Dodd were checked but the was no sign of her. Polic returned to her room to re-que tion the roommate and make su no funny business was going o They found the missing subje hiding in her closet. She was pla ing a joke on her boyfriend. Sh was warned about playing joke and RAs at Dodd took care of th necessary paperwork.
6:22 p.m.
The Natchitoches Polic Department called to report that woman had collapsed on th West side of the stadium. A ambulance was already en rout to transport her to the Natch toches Parish Hospital.
11-9-03
9:08 a.m.
A desk worker from Cadd Hall called to report that a stu dent had passed out.

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Thanksgivin break also observance Veteran's Da

By Theresa Huffm
Staff W
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The Thanksgiving holiday sure has been increased by day in observance of Veter Day, and Easter has b increased by one day as well Memorial Day observance.

Tuesday was the generally ognized day of observance Veteran's Day.

Every year, in addition organizing a schedule of clas NSU officials must decide w to schedule holidays through the academic year.

The scheduling task is hand by Cecil Knotts, director human resources. Knotts s that the University has authority to choose when observe holidays. In choos these days, the University m still abide by state civil ser law 17.20, which stipulates a 10-day closure within a fi year.

Classes must be schedule meet for a minimum numbe days throughout the acade year. If the University were observe every holiday the would be breaking law 17.20. this reason, the University m hold classes on some holid including Veteran's Day Memorial Day. In order to tribute to both holidays, the U versity has decided to incl them with Thanksgiving Easter closures, respectively.

Knotts said that if veterans attend the University wish observe one of the holidays the generally recognized instead of during the sched closure, the vice president of demic affairs must authorize request.

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It's not 'ten-yeared,' it's tenure

Few students understand traditional system of professors' job protection

By Kyle Shirley
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For professors across the country, tenure is a highly desirable and sought after status. Forty-two percent of the professors at NSU currently have it, and virtually all faculty members are quite familiar with it.

However, while most students have heard mention of it, few are aware of what tenure actually entails.

When asked if she had ever even heard the term before, graphic communications major Lisa Nguyen replied, "I've seen it in the newspaper. I think they explained it, but I don't remember."

Art major Josh Stelly responded similarly: "I think I might have heard of it," he said.

Even students who are more knowledgeable about academic procedures and affairs seemed somewhat uninformed on tenure.

"I know in the public school system after you've taught so long you get tenured, and you get some kind of special privileges, but I don't know what all it entails," said business administration major and SGA senator Keith Gates.

"Honestly, I don't really know anything about it," Gates said.

One student, who declined to be named, said she first thought the term was 'ten-yeared,' and was granted after a faculty member taught for 10 years at a university.

According to NSU's faculty handbook, tenure is "intended to ensure and enhance faculty members' academic freedom and job effectiveness." This means that professors who have obtained tenure have the freedom to express their ideas without fear of repercussions from the administration.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler said, "It doesn't... in any way prevent the University from dealing with a problem if in fact there is a good reason for dismissal or demotion.

"It allows faculty to exercise academic freedom without being possibly pressured by the administration or any other agency into promoting a particular idea or philosophy for fear of quick dismissal without cause."

According to the handbook, "If the decision is made not to grant tenure in the sixth year, it shall result in a terminal appointment for the seventh year," meaning that the professor will lose his or her position at the end of the next year.

Once a professor receives tenure, his position at the university is guaranteed unless he commits an unreasonably immoral act, the position he fills is eliminated entirely, or the university is in a state of financial exigency and is forced to make budgetary cutbacks.

Fraser Snowden, a professor of philosophy for NSU and Louisiana Scholars' College, received tenure in 1975. It was his fifth year at the University, and he remains a proponent of tenure.

"I think it's a good way to protect faculty who may be speaking out on unpopular topics or expressing unpopular opinions," Snowden said. "I can say whatever I want to say in class and I don't have to worry about losing my job. But I think with tenure comes a certain responsibility. I don't think it would be responsible for me to just say all kinds of crazy stuff."

He also believes that the current process for obtaining tenure is reasonable when properly followed.

"In the 70's, if they continued to hire you at the end of five years, you automatically got tenure ... (now) there is a system in place, and if it's done correctly, where there is a departmental tenure committee that is seriously looking at the non-tenured faculty and making a recommendation to the department head... then it's very fair," Snowden said.

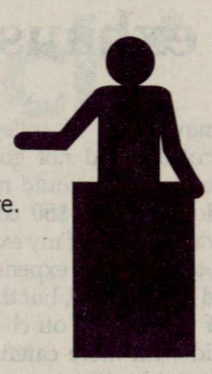
But not all faculty members feel as Snowden does. Language and Communications instructor Patricia Helsel believes that the tenure system is flawed. Instructors, unlike professors, are ineligible for tenure.

"It affects morale, I suppose ... I look around me and compare myself to other colleagues who have a position and title that has more status than mine who may or may not have as much experience in teaching as I do, and who may or may not be a better teacher," Helsel said. "I've never been a strong advocate for the tenure process for that very reason. I don't believe it really promotes those people who are the best people to have as faculty... I think we've lost sight of the reasons for doing it in the first place."

Getting tenure at NSU

A step-by-step explanation

- Professors undergo a six-year probationary period, which may be shortened in rare special cases when a professor has earned exceptional prestige or has taught at other universities.
- After this period, a professor may apply for tenure. The professor's department head, as well as tenured faculty in that professor's department, must recommend the professor to the University president, who in turn must recommend the candidate to the University of Louisiana System president.
- Candidates for tenure are judged on their teaching, scholarship or research, and participation in the University community.
- The University of Louisiana System's Board of Supervisors makes the final decision on whether to grant the professor tenure.



Sources: NSU Faculty Handbook, Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler

College students struggle with health insurance

By Emily Ramshaw
KRT Campus

DALLAS — Clint Bowers had always been in perfect health.

So when the 24-year-old Baylor graduate was dropped from his family's insurance plan and couldn't land a job with health benefits, he took a gamble.

He did without.

Then four months ago, Bowers got the shock of his life. Suffering from a fever and fatigue, he went to see his doctor. The diagnosis: leukemia.

"This is something you can't ever believe would happen to you," said Bowers, who went through three months of treatment before finding a way to get coverage. "I hadn't ever been sick in my life, and while I'm uninsured, I get hit with this."

In the United States, the number of people between the ages of 18 and 34 without health coverage has grown to 17.9 million people, accounting for 41 percent of the country's uninsured. Amid a soft job market and increasing insurance costs, experts fear that more and more people in this age bracket will forgo medical care.

"The facts are, the younger you are, the less likely you are to have a serious illness or need hospitalization," said Len Nichols, vice president of the Center for Studying Health System Change in Washington, D.C. "It is in some sense a rational bet, but it's a gamble, in capital letters."

According to the most recent census data, 15.2 percent of the U.S. population, or 43.6 million people, are uninsured, up from 41.2 million in 2001. The number of people without coverage has grown steadily since 2000, coinciding with a struggling economy and a weak job market. Most young adults are dropped by their parents' insurance at age 19, or 22 if they go to college.

> "They (students) don't realize that a broken leg, a car accident, or even an illness could wipe them out financially."
>
> **Rob Guilbert**
> Corporate Communications Vice President, Fortis insurance

In the last year, young adults made up 50 percent of all new uninsured cases. And studies indicate half of high school graduates who don't go on to college and two of five college graduates will spend time without insurance during their first year after graduation.

Most of them, when they consider the costs and what they'll have to give up, choose not to buy it," Nichols said. "They're betting against the probability that a very bad event happens to them."

Sarah Walker, a 23-year-old graduate student at Southern Methodist University, became ineligible for her parents' insurance when she turned 22. With a part-time job that doesn't offer benefits and a slew of other expenses, she says health insurance doesn't fit into her budget.

"I'm paying for my education, for rent, for food and for car insurance," she said. "All that comes before health insurance."

Sara Collins, senior program officer with the Commonwealth Fund, a health policy foundation in New York, said this age group is high-risk and needs to be insured. Young adults have the highest number of annual visits to emergency rooms and account for one-third of new HIV diagnoses. There are 3.5 million pregnancies among women in their 20s every year.

"It's a time when you're becoming an adult, and you need to establish your own connections to the health system," Collins said. "If you're losing coverage at this time, it's very difficult to establish those relationships."

Rob Guilbert, corporate communications vice president with Fortis short-term health insurance, said the cost of medical treatment can be crippling. According to Parkland Memorial Hospital, a case of appendicitis can cost almost $9,000; the average broken arm costs $1,450.

"They don't realize that a broken leg, a car accident, or even an illness could wipe them out financially," Guilbert said. "At a time when they are trying to start off on the right foot, and get a good job, they could be put under huge debt for many years."

Young adults say they understand this risk. Although they have grown up insured and are told by parents to stay insured, once the responsibility falls to them, many say, they feel a degree of invincibility.

When it comes to purchasing insurance, the biggest obstacle is cost. Nichols said the price of coverage is rising faster than income, making it difficult for young people to get access to insurance. Some companies have even ended employee benefit plans, he said.

The best bet for young adults — second to working for a firm with benefits — is to purchase insurance in the non-group market, Nichols said. There, healthy people will pay around $150 a month. People with pre-existing ailments could pay up to $10,000 a month for coverage, he said. COBRA, a federal program that enables people to buy insurance from former employers or their parents' plans, costs around $3,000 a year for an individual and $8,000 for a family, Nichols said. And short-term emergency insurance, which protects only against catastrophic events, ranges in price by state.

Universities often offer their own coverage plans for undergraduate and graduate students. At SMU, the university policy costs $925 a year for healthy students. Those with pre-existing conditions have to pay out of pocket for related expenses for 12 months before full coverage kicks in.

"If you're healthy and test clean on all the big markers, then you can get insurance reasonably priced," Nichols said. "The danger with any of these is, if you have a problem, they're going to mark you up for it."

Laura Childers, a 24-year-old public administration graduate student at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, was dropped from her father's plan a year and a half ago. Faced with the responsibility of buying her own insurance, she decided to wait until she could afford it.

Childers has been healthy so far. But her classmate, 27-year-old Amy White, hasn't been as fortunate. A university doctor examining White detected what she thought was an ovarian cyst during a routine check-up last year.

"I asked her how much a sonogram cost and she said $400," said White, who has been uninsured for five years. "She said I needed to have it, but I didn't have the money."

A year later, White not only had a sonogram — she had surgery. After she paid $1,500 out of pocket for X-rays and lab work, the county hospital helped arrange coverage under a low-income insurance plan. Doctors removed a 7-pound cyst.

"Since I was young, health insurance had always been taken care of for me," White said. "I guess I didn't know how to do it."

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SAB

My First Prom, for non-traditional students and their children, will be **today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.** For more information come by **Student Union 214 or call 357-6511.**

Science and Technology

Arlo U. Landolt, Professor of Astronomy at Louisiana State University **will give two talks** on comets, eclipses, extraterrestrial life, gravity waves, telescopes, meteorites, missing mass, neutron stars, black holes, planets, pulsars, quasars, and neutrinos. **The general talk is Monday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in Fournet 123. The technical talk is Monday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m in Fournet 123.** For more information contact **Andy Ludu in Fournet 104 or call 357-5225.**

Students in Free Enterprise

SIFE will be holding a **Money Management program Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Russell 107.** This program will teach students how and when to use credit, how to get credit reports and how to manage finances. The guest speaker will be Dr. Schaub of the COllege of Business. For more information, contact NSU SIFE President **Joshua Williams at mrfreeze917@hotmail.com.**

Bring **CONNECTIONS** to **Kyser 225**, or e-mail them to **currentsauce@nsula.edu**. Please include a name and telephone number.

Student Government Association
Minutes November 10, 2003

Scott Manguno chairs as Speaker of the Senate due to Zach Pulliam's absences.

I. Call to Order at 7:03
The prayer was lead by Dustin Floyd and the pledge was lead by Ashlie Fisher.

Present:
Jeff Bergeron
Chad Black
Sara Burling
Matt Burrough
Chris Faist
Patrick Feller
Ashlie Fisher
Dustin Floyd
John Eric Fontenot
Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Kelli Miller
Kelli Menard
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Shantel Wempren

Absent:
Craig Desoto
Josh Howell
Hunter Landry
Zach Pulliam
Leslie Ross
Alan Sypert
Jerry Whorton

Keith Gated moves to approve minutes of November 3, 2003.
Jeff Bergeron seconds the motion.
Motion Passes

II. Executive Reports
Treasurer's Report: Edward "Beau" Boudreaux
The copy of the budget was given out tonight and the budget for the Distinguished Lecturer Series. There is $9200 in the budget for the next year. Beau Boudreaux suggested Ben Stine as a speaker for next year rather than others.

Vice President Report : Scott Manguno
The University Bookstore, Post Office and Food Services Committee will meet November 19.

President Report: Greg Comeaux:
Friday Greg Comeaux will be in COSBA so if anyone needs to meet with Greg Comeaux please meet with him before Thursday. The bills on the study corrals and traffic and parking citations were not signed by Dr. Seymour. Shantel Wempren and Jack Halford were added to the list to attend COSGA. Please attend the Student Life Committee Meeting Wednesday in the Conference Room. Student Self- Assessed Fee Committee will meet Thursday at 3:30. Traffic and Parking is tomorrow at 2:00, on that committee is Greg Comeaux, Sharmyn Little and Kristin Huben.

III. Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs: Mindy McConnell :
Thanks to all who helped with Ralph Nader. He was worth the money because he spoke for three hours. The Academic Affairs Committee is trying to get together with the Art Department to have a Christmas themed class. The class will be held December 19 from 7-9 p.m. and the cost of the class will be $66. Ralph Nader suggested a Civics class during his visit and a student suggested a African American History Class which will be presented to be placed in the curriculum but will not be voted on till January. The committee had a productive meeting and fully supports FA03-023.

External Affairs: Ashlie Fisher :
Thanks to everyone for their help with hanging up signs for Ralph Nader. Ashlie Fisher passed around a sheet for everyone who is interested in a SGA Christmas Party.

Fiscal Affairs: Edward " Beau" Boudreaux:
Fiscal Affairs Committee will have meetings every other Monday at 6 p.m. at P.J.'s.

Internal Affairs: Zach Pulliam (absent, report given by Greg Comeaux):
The bill on Organization Grants Committee was reviewed and is much better. Kelli Miller thanks Keith Gates for suggestions to the bill. There were some compromises to the bill but still allow for checks and balances.

Student Affairs: Keith Gates:
There is a bill up tonight on trash can for Watson, also the fire-watcher issues are being looked into. The Wellness Center Oversight Committee will meet November 19. The Traffic Citation bill was not signed by Dr. Webb because he feels the bill should go through Traffic And Parking Committee. Keith Gates encourages everyone to please go to Traffic and Parking tomorrow.

Graduate Advisor's Report: David Gunn:
It is finally good to be at a meeting in it's entirety. David Gunn offers his help to Mindy McConnell with the Civics course. Thanks to all who attended and helped with Ralph Nader's visit.

Advisors Report: Mr. Henry:
Thanks to David Gunn and Mindy McConnell with Ralph Nader. Tolerance is learned in college. Today was Traffic Appeals and the committee spent two hours working on them, thanks to the senators who helped. Traffic and Parking is a 1:00 tomorrow. Mr. Henry asks David Gunn is he has to add anything. David Gunn adds to please go through the proper channels such as Student Life Committee. Mr. Henry questions Greg Comeaux on the Fine Arts Fee. Greg Comeaux answered by saying that a reallocation of fees would be better received rather than raising fees. Dustin Floyd also responds by saying that all organizations who receive Student Assessed fees were sent a letter requesting the organization budget. Some organizations have responded yet others have not.

SAB Report: Ashlie Fisher:
Tuesday in the Alley at 7 there will be a Hypnotist and also at 7 there is a LOB informational. Wednesday there will be Antique Photos and Sticky Photos. Thursday is "My First Prom", this is for children to come dressed up and have a little fun. Next Monday is the "Fall Frenzy" the band 'Left Front Tire" will be playing for $1500. SAB also voted on the spend $700 to have new polo tees made for the board. Mia Guillory was voted on as the Special Events Chair.

Supreme Court: Sharmyn Little (no members of the Court present):
No Report

IV. Unfinished Business
Dustin Floyd requests that Bill FA03-021 be removed from consideration.

FA03-019 dealing with Organizational Grants Committee. Kelli Miller reads Bill FA03-019 and moves for the bill to be approved. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Kelli Miller moves to amend section 3.9 to state "may ask". Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Motion Passes. Discussion. Motion Passes 15-0.

FA03-020 dealing with trash cans for the Library. Dustin Floyd reads the bill and moves to approve the bill. Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion Passes 15-0.

FA03-023 dealing with next semesters distinguished lecturer. Dustin Floyd reads the bill and moves to approve the bill. Jack Halford seconds the motion. Discussion. Dustin Floyd moves to amend the bill to strike the last 'therefore' and 'Sp' to 'FA' and also to change '2500 to 3500'. Keith Gated seconds the motion. Amendment passes. Mr. Henry gives a background to the history of the Distinguished Lecturer Series. Motion Passes 13-2.

Mindy McConnell moves to amend Bill FA03-007 to state 'half the study corrals be for undergraduates and half for graduates. Keith Gates seconds. Motion passes 15-0.

V. New Business
Bills FA03-025, 026, 027 are tabled.

VI. Announcements
Dustin thanks the SGA for the vote to bring the Distinguished Lecturer here next year. Greg Comeaux requests that all passes bill be put on letter head and given to his as soon as possible. Beau reminds everyone about Veterans' Day and the elections on the 15th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Column

Voodoo Fest well worth the trip, cost, exhaustion

By Elaine Broussard

After a long week of gradual recovery, I am finally coherent enough to write a column about my phenomenal experience Halloween weekend at the Voodoo Music Festival in New Orleans.

As a "Voodoo Virgin," this was my first time attending the festival which has been an annual event since 1999, and what a year it was to start going! This year, the usual one-day music festival was expanded to a three-day event. I cheerfully left Natchitoches after my Friday morning classes not really knowing what to expect at the end of my 4 to 5 hour drive to the Crescent City.

Like everything in life, my weekend at Voodoo Fest consisted of many high points and low points, but the high points definitely outweighed the low points. Out of all of the concerts I have attended, I had never been so close to the stage! Saturday night I made it all the way up to the barricade between the crowd and the stage, and all of the artists seemed close enough to touch. Between acts I had tons of intimate conversations with strangers I will never see again. There is something about being packed like sardines that causes you to become 45-minute best friends with the person you are pressed up against.

I had a few mini-tragedies. I was double charged for a hotel room. I had taken awesome up-close pictures of the artists, but my disposable camera was kicked out of my hand by a crowd surfer, never to be seen again. I also made the mistake of staying out until 5 a.m. in the French Quarter Halloween night, and I had very little energy on Saturday. However, these small problems certainly did not ruin the weekend! They just taught me what not to do next year.

While at the festival, I ran into a large number NSU students. I know a lot of college students probably did not go to Voodoo because they could not afford it. However, the $80 concert ticket was the least of my expenses. My total weekend expenses amounted to over $250, but there are a lot of ways to get off cheaper than I did with more careful planning. Carpool with a group, and split the cost of gas. If you have friends from the New Orleans area, stay with them instead of renting a hotel room. Eat before and after the festival to avoid paying high concession prices. Believe me, you will be so distracted that you will not get hungry. If you do this, and you resist buying souvenirs, you will have it made.

I decided not to write this column as a review of the artists' performances. Attending multi-stage music festivals can be stressful sometimes, because you wish that you could split yourself in two. I spent the majority of my time at the Fuse Stage, and I am sure there were many excellent performances that I missed at the other stages. I will say that of the artists that I saw, I particularly enjoyed A Perfect Circle, The White Stripes, and of course Marilyn Manson, whose shocking performance was the most publicly obscene spectacle that I have ever seen.

It is likely that Voodoo will remain a three-day festival next year, and I recommend that those who can should attend. If you go, make sure you plan ahead. If you are not familiar with the New Orleans area, bring a map. Also, take plenty of vitamins and get plenty of sleep the week before. You will need the energy. Most of all, be prepared for a truly amazing experience.

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Information, usually seen as the precondition of debate, is better understood **as its by-product.**

Christopher Lasch
U.S. Historian, 1990

Letters to the Editor

Students want clear explanation of parking

Have you ever been late for class because you can't find a parking space?

You then get to your car just to find a parking ticket has been issued to you.

It has been brought to our attention hat there are not any clear rules listed in the NSU Catalog or Handbook regarding on-campus parking.

Why hasn't this problem been brought to the Board of Directors' attention. Hey! The enrollment at NSU is steadily increasing. Why hasn't the parking spaces as well. Something needs to be done about this.

Enforcement needs to take place at our university and now not later. Our tuition dollars should be enough to solve this problem.

There are students battling this problem who live on campus and off in the surrounding areas, Natchitoches, Ebarb, Monroe, Many, Zwolle.

The NSU Catalog should clearly state these rules clearly so students can be made aware of them.

If the students know these rules then they can be followed!

Give students tickets who don't have the proper ID tags not for having to park on the grass or in the road due to lack of parking spaces.

Again I say this issue is well overdue to be addressed.

Thank you,
Anna Fletcher
and concerned students of NSU

Former Demon athlete anticipates McNeese game

A month ago this game was shaping up to be a huge battle between to highly ranked teams. This game was not only for bragging rights but it was also going to decide the conference championship. However back to back losses by the Demons to Nicholls State (40-30) and Sam Houston State (29-24) have seriously changed the outlook of this game.

The Demons were supposed to march into Lake Charles with a talented backfield on offense and an immovable object on defense. However, these Demons are wounded and hurting. The offense has sputtered and the immovable object has not only been moved but thoroughly beaten at times in the last 2 games. The Demons have not been able to pull out the big plays when needed the last 2 weeks and because of this, will almost definitely watch the playoffs from home.

McNeese, while not playing perfect, has beaten everyone except Kansas State (which isn't a BAD thing at all). A lot of talk is about how McNeese is only playing as a shell of their former self and have not been playing like a championship caliber team. BUT, and this is a huge but, they HAVE made the plays needed to win and they ARE ranked #1.

When looking at this game one cannot help but feel that this game can only end on a sour note in Lake Charles for the Demons. We are faced with one team that can't find it's rhythm and can't make the plays against a team that simply refuses to lose. And to make matters worse the team that refuses to lose is playing in possibly the most intimidating place to play in the nation. Based on these assumptions the game this weekend won't be pretty.

The problem with these assumptions is that they are based on facts. True, this is a rivalry game. But that will not be the main factor. The main factor in this game for the Demons will not be based on stats or assumptions, it will be based on something much more intangible. This game will be based on the Demons heart.

As a former athlete and letterman at Northwestern State I have been on the same track team as many of these outstanding football players. I have participated with them in good times and bad times. And anyone who thinks this team won't show up does NOT know these athletes or this team.

The pride these guys, especially the seniors, have for this school is immeasurable. They want nothing more than to prove what type of team they are. And what better place to prove to everyone than going to Lake Charles and playing the best team in the nation.

I'm not promising a victory on Saturday. I'm not saying that we won't lose by 20. What I am promising is that this team won't quit. Last year, many of these same athletes participated in indoor track. Midway through the event it was VERY obvious that Southwest Texas (now Texas State) was going to win the championship easily. We were left with one last event (the 4x400 relay). This event meant absolutely nothing to the outcome of the meet. We had NOTHING but pride to run for.

Many of the football players and other athletes had already finished their events. They had no reason to be excited for what had already been a disappointing meet. However, as the final race unfolded, every last one of the athletes were standing and cheering during that final race. We held off a furious charge by SWT and won the event. If you had seen the reaction of our athletes you would have thought we had just won the championship.

EVERY athlete out there knew how hard they had worked and how much pride we all took in wearing the purple and white of Northwestern. We weren't going to let that down. We didn't win that race because of championship goals. We won the race because of one thing: PRIDE.

And why did we fight so hard when other teams had already given up. WHY? Because WE are NORTHWESTERN STATE!!!!!!!

Former columnist discusses marriage amendment

I was reading last week's Current Sauce when I came upon an interesting comment by Ms. Eva DeLeon (*Ed.: In a letter to the editor titled "Where are the conflicting views and debates?"*). She said, "However, I am disappointed that there has been no flame war this semester, as there was through last year". Some people might chalk up her statement to the love of drama, but I think it is much more. I think when people quit expressing their opinions (as wild as some may be) and quit debating them then we begin to fall back into a state of apathy that has consumed us many times before. It is important to argue for your beliefs and to make a stand. With this note in mind, I hope that no one minds an alumni and former Sauce columnist to express his opinion.

I have been keeping up with what's been going on in the Current Sauce since I left and am quite surprised that although many topics have been discussed, there are many other topics, which I feel weigh greater on society as a whole that have not been addressed. One such topic is the supposed Federal Marriage Amendment. The good 'ole right wing is up to their antics again. Threatened by the idea that gays and lesbians may actually become a "normal" part of society with all the rights equal to their non-gay counterparts, several senators and lobbyists are seeking to amend the Constitution with biased and discriminatory language, a first in the history of this great nation.

The language of the Federal Marriage Amendment proposal states:

"Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this [C]onstitution [n]or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

This means that if ratified, Vermont's civil unions along with domestic partnership benefits, which the populations of several states have decided to pass, will be invalidated, and the growth that the American society has experienced in that last 50 years will be for nothing. Whether or not you "agree" with homosexuality is not the issue. The issue is basic equality; something our 14th amendment is supposed to guarantee. This is an issue of civil rights and civil marriage, not religious marriage, as some people tend to forget.

Legal marriage in almost all states offers the right not to be forced to testify in court against each other, the ability to make medical decisions on each other's behalf, to seek wrongful death compensation, to access to a decedent's estate in the absence of a will, to maintain life and disability insurance on a spouse. Also, legal marriage offers the eligibility for worker's compensation death benefits and to automatically hold property as tenants in common. In addition, there are more than 1,049 Federal laws triggered by legal marriage. Therefore, you see it is not just about wearing a dress and having a wedding. There is much more at stake here—equality for all citizens.

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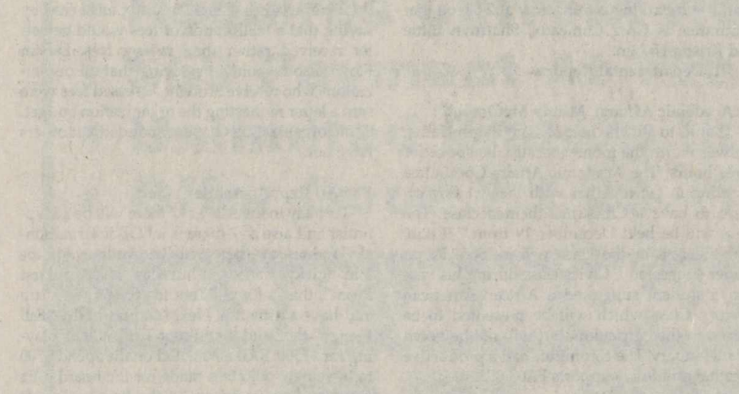
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Movie review

'Elf' fun for the family

★★★★ (out of five)

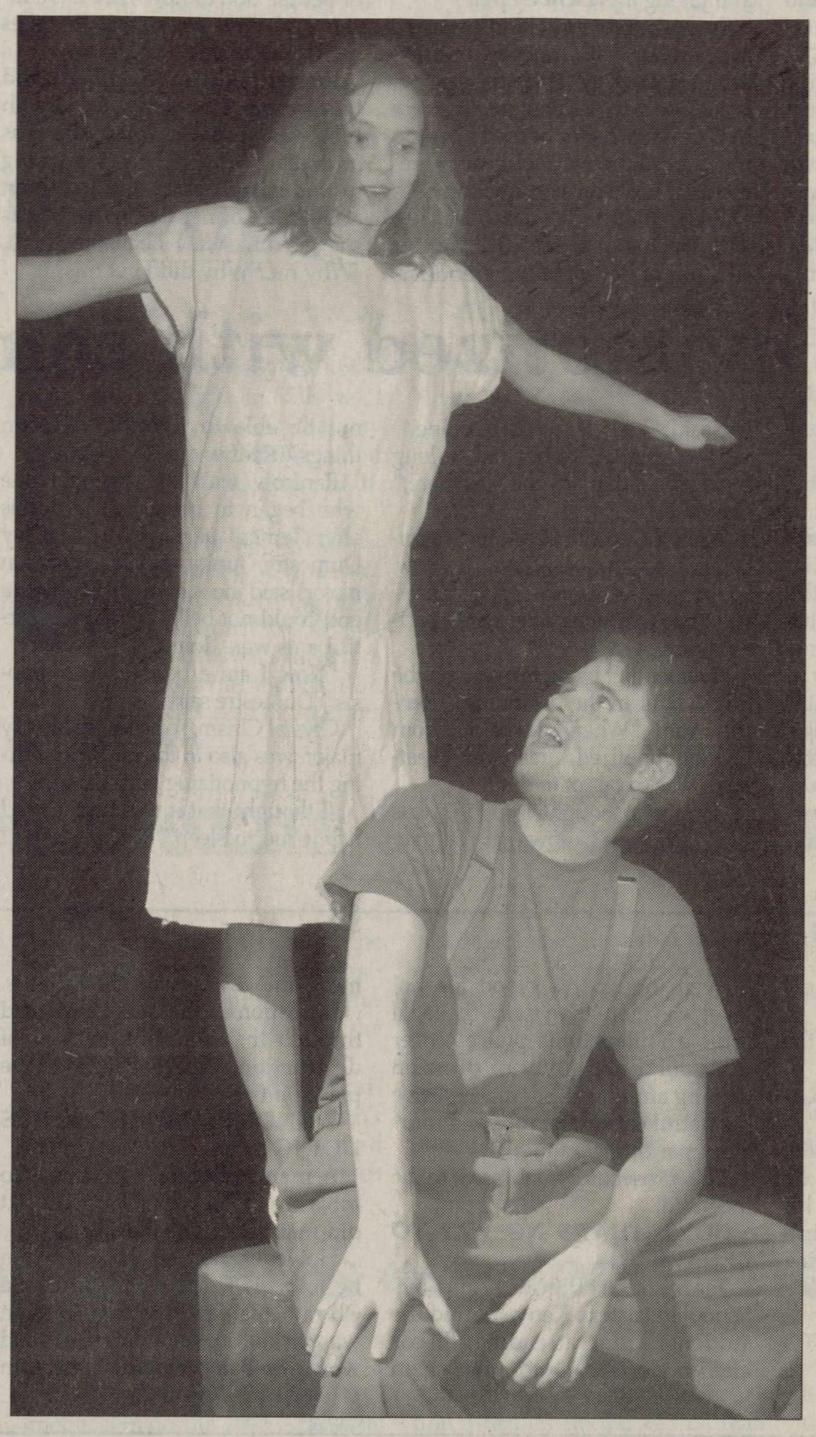
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It's Christmas in November, and Will Ferrell is reinventing the family holiday film. Elf is a wonderful, hilarious film that's safe for the whole family and combines animation with live action.

The movie is a heart-warming and funny story about a grown man who thinks he is an elf, trying to find a place in the family he lost as a baby. Buddy (Will Ferrell) is a baby who climbs into Santa's sack in the orphanage on Christmas Eve. Santa does not know until he is back home, and Buddy crawls out of the sack. Buddy is then adopted by Papa Elf (Bob Newhart), one of the older elves who put his career first instead of settling down. When Buddy grows up he realizes that he is human, and that his real father, played by James Caan, lives in New York City and is on Santa's naughty list.

Unfortunately, Buddy's quest to help his father get off Santa's naughty list takes a back burner during most of the movie to make way for his discovery of the world outside the North Pole.

Adults will find a cute story with Will Ferrell's brand of comedy that even kids can enjoy. I give it four stars, and urge you to go see it. If Will Ferrel dressed like an elf in yellow tights isn't enough to get you to see it, remember that Bob Newhart is dressed as one also. Add Ferrel calling Newhart 'Papa Elf' and sitting in his lap from time to time, you get a movie not to be missed.



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Jeunee Fryer, a sophomore early childhood education major playing Eva, standing behind Bryan Lee, a senior theater major playing Robert, during the rehearsal.

'Rimers of Eldritch' opens today

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The Lanford Wilson play "The Rimers of Eldritch" opens tonight and runs through Nov. 21 in Theatre West.

Roger Held, artistic director for NSU, directed the play, but students designed the set and costumes.

"All designs are student affiliated," said sophomore theatre major and stage manager Robert Richoux.

The play includes multiple sets, sound effects, nearly 200 light cues, and a cast of 18 characters. Because the play calls for a large cast and many technical aspects, the theatre department found it to be the right production to perform.

"We have a large department, so we must hold productions that have a large number of roles," Held said.

"This is the largest number of light cues ever, there are approximately 187," sophomore theatre major and stretcher supervisor Charles Ruble said.

"The Rimers of Eldritch" is a murder mystery that takes place in Wilson's home state of Missouri. The play centers around the murderer of Skelly Manor. The play is not about discovering who killed Manor, but why.

"The murder mystery is the vehicle to all the other stuff," Held said, "We know who did the murder and how. It is what led to the murder, how it conspired that makes up the play."

Members of the cast are excited about the production. They find it a great way for new and old talent to show their stuff as well as display what the theatre department can do.

"I'm really honored to be have been chosen to be a part of this production," junior theatre major and cast member Marisa Ann LaBry said.

The play starts tonight at Theatre West. Tickets are $5 or free to students with a current NSU ID.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Colors for the Cool

It's hard to resist noticing those vibrant-colored, eye-catching wardrobes seen in stores, magazines and in the entertainment industry.

Achieving such looks includes recognizing seasonal change. Winter is near, and the ensembles you put together should include the smartest, chic-est colors of the season. For this time of year, start looking to wear polished color blends. Reds, whites, blues, browns, gold, oranges and pinks offer magnificent head-to-toe options of style.

Reds: This category includes the traditional cherry red, deep red and burgundy. Red is definitely a flattering color that just about anyone can wear well. Paired with black or white, this color is warm, dramatic, rich and romantic.

Whites: Winter whites and creams are must haves this season. This color goes wonderfully with practically anything! White exudes an amazing look of subtlety and sensuality.

Blues: Midnight blue, pewter and soft blue are gorgeous colors this season. Blue is quite chic, and it goes wonderfully with silver accessories.

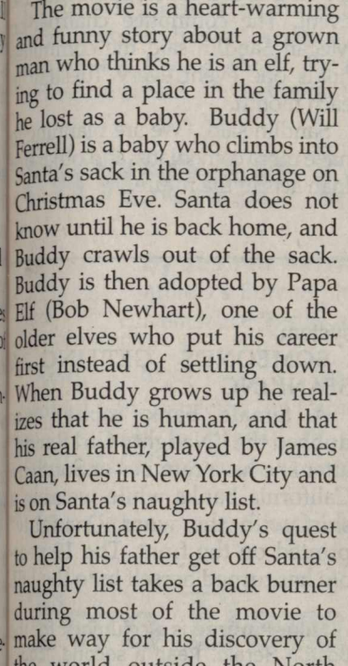
Browns: Brown colors of the season include chocolate, khaki, natural and golden tones. Brown, also paired with black, offers classic combinations of style. Brown and black animal prints are also great color combos.

Gold: Gold is definitely a superb seasonal color. Those special events and holidays offer a perfect time to strut in those sleek, sexy gold ensembles.

Oranges: Soft, subtle orange and coral are suiting this winter. Combined with browns and naturals, orange is the modern, classy color of the season.

Pinks: Pink is a sure thing. It is alluring, flirty and playful!

Black: Black is the ultimate color of the season. The color of instant sophistication, elegance and glamour, black slims and elongates a figure. Black is simply back!



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce
R.E.M. vocalist Michael Stipe moves to the crowd's leve during a September 2003 performance in Austin, Texas.

Music review

R.E.M. hits automatic for the top of the charts

★★★★ (out of five)

By Leslie Westbrook
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When a 22-year-old pop band releases a record that debuts in two spots on the Billboard Top 20 and No. 1 in nine European countries, you can bet it's worth a listen.

R.E.M. took the charts by storm with the release of their second greatest hits album, In Time – this time chronicling their favorite songs from 1988 to 2003.

Longtime fans of R.E.M. will pop the CD in and advance immediately to two recently-

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Chris Reich / the Current Sauce
Maya Leonard shows off her casual attire for the "A Golden Explosion" fashion show.

Rhomania 2003: Fashion fit for royalty

By Tasha N. Braggs
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NSU students strolled down the runway in their finest casual, business, formal, and sleeping attire in the Rhomania Fashion Show on Nov. 12 sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Inc.

The fashion show took a different direction this year with the latest fashions complied by each participant, the latest music, door prizes and different types of intermission talent. Some of the intermission talent included singing, dancing, and poetry reading.

Keleta Johnson, committee head of the fashion show said that the agenda for the fashion show was different from previous years.

"We wanted to make it more exciting for the participants and the audience," Johnson said.

The highlight intermission was after the casual attire portion of the show when the sorority presented the winner of the Mwanamugimu Essay Contest.

The essay contest is a poster or essay for children to increase their knowledge on Africa.

Bobby Ray Carpenter, a 7th grader at Lakeview Junior Senior High School was the recipient of a $50 cash prize for the contest during the fashion show.

"I am excited and very proud of him," Andrea Carpenter, Bobby's mother said.

Bobby said that the essay only took him a day to write the essay and that he enjoys reading and writing.

"I think I'm going to spend the prize money on a game for my play station," Bobby said.

Bobby was not the only one to receive an award that night. Cedric Williams and Bridget Griffin took home the Peoples Choice Award for best dressed.

The Peoples Choice award allowed the audience to vote on which participate was best dressed in the overall show.

Williams, a senior early childhood education major, said that he has participated in the fashion show since his sophomore year in 2000. Williams said that he continues to enjoy participating in the show each year.

"I enjoy doing the formal wear portion of the fashion show because it allows you look very distinguished and set apart from the rest," Williams said.

Bridget Griffin, a sophomore radiology major in a newcomer to the fashion show.

"I was a little nerves," Griffin said.

Griffin not only went home the People Choice award, but she also went home with the Most Congenial award.

This award was given to Griffin for her participation and her assistance on the committee for the fashion show.

Griffin said she is excited about her awards and plans to participate in the fashion show next year.

From the audience, senior nursing major Tiffany Turner said that she was impressed with fashion shows this year.

"It was organized better and more productive than last year," Turner said. "I was really impressed with the intermission talent and hope that it will continue to get better each year."

Through the Looking Glass

Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

FATHER OF THE YEAR

A man in England abandoned his family, including his infant son, but, 20 years later, reunited with the boy at his request.

The son brought his 19-year-old fiancee to the meeting. The father, now 53, subsequently stole his son's girlfriend, embarking almost immediately on a passionate affair with her.

SWEEPING A GIRL OFF HER FEET

Facing charges for threatening employees of an Ohio bar after he was ejected from the premises, a 41-year-old man thought testimony from his girlfriend as a corroborating withess could land him in jail.

Employing the same good sense that got him thrown out of the saloon in the first place, he abducted his lady and forced her to marry him as he assumed that a wife can't testify against her husband. He has found out a.) She CAN testify, and b.) he's now charged with kidnapping.

SURPRISED TO SEE YOU OUT HERE

An unemployed man in Sao Paulo, Brazil, agreed to serve the prison sentence of a robber to whom he owed $275 he couldn't pay.

But three months after his alter-ego was locked up, the robber who was supposed to be in jail was caught commit-

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NSU students speak on diabetes awarenes

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November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects millions of Americans.

There are two known types of diabetes, neither of which have a cure. Type one, diabetes, also known as juvenile on-set diabetes, is usually prominent in fairly young children and occurs when the pancreas is no longer able produce insulin, a substance that regulates the body's blood sugar level. Type one diabetes is treatable by following a strict diet, monitoring blood sugar levels daily and administering insulin injections daily.

Type two diabetes, also known as adult on-set diabetes, tends to occur in older adults as a result of bad dieting and obesity. However, with the sugar-loaded diet of today's youth, type two diabetes is showing up more frequently in children. This form of diabetes is occurs when the pancreas has trouble producing insulin, but does not completely shut down. It is treatable by monitoring blood sugar levels daily and taking a prescribed pill.

Several students at Northwestern are familiar with diabetes and are even affected by it. History major, Jada Hendrix, suffers from severe hypoglycemia. Her body makes too much insulin now, and doctors predict that her overworking pancreas will eventually shut down and she will develop diabetes by the age of 40. Both of her maternal grandparents have type two diabetes.

Hendrix feels people should be more aware of diabetes because "it's becoming more common and a lot of people don't know they have it," she said. "It's dangerous. It takes more lives than people know."

Brandi Burns, a travel and tourism major, was diagnosed with type one diabetes when she was four years old. She was too young to understand what was going on at the time of her diagnosis, but as she got older she began to think, "Why me? Why did I get this?"

She said diabetes has chang her life because she has had to gr up faster and take on more resp sibilities. She checks her blo sugar at least four times a day, a gives herself insulin shots th times a day. She said, "Most k think you're different when you g it, but you're really not."

Students worried about develo ing diabetes can get tested at campus infirmary. A blood sug test is done, so it is best that no fo is consumed at least 12 hours bef it is administered.

James leaves NSU hypnotized with comedy sho

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How would you like to dance like a ballerina or pretend you are naked in front of a live audience?

Fourteen NSU students did those things on stage while under hypnosis from Las Vegas comedian and hypnotist Daniel James Tuesday in the Alley.

James said that he has been performing since the late 80s. He has performed in places across the country including cruise ships and corporation engagements for Sekio and Sony.

"I love doing shows at universities because the audience is so spontaneous, and they love to have fun," James said.

"I have enjoyed my visit to this beautiful campus, and everyone has been a tremendous help," James said.

Jessica Lee, sophomore hospitality management and tourism major, said she was not up to participating in the show until her friends volunteered her.

"I don't think I was hypnotized," Lee said. "I felt like I was sleeping."

"My eyes were shut for so long that I forgot that anyone was there," Lee said.

While Lee continues to be a non-believer of hypnosis, Tava Renfrow, sophomore education major, continues to be a believer after her experience on stage.

"I remember being in a car and the bright light in the beginning," Renfrow said. "When I came out from being hypnotized, I fell over sweating. I was so out of it."

"I always thought hypnosis was true, but I didn't know that you may not be able to remember certain things," Renfrow said.

Renfrow was not the only one who began to believe in hypnosis after James' performance. Jeffrey Dumestre, junior music education major, said he sat in the audience and could not believe what the participants were doing.

"Now I am a believer in hypnosis," Dumestre said.

Crystal Chism, sophomore history major, was also in the audience during the hypnotizing performance.

"I thought that it was boring, and it put me to sleep," Chism said. "I kept having freaky dreams abou white bird named Birdy."

"The only parts of the show enjoyed was the guy runni around saying 'who wants to pet monkey' and the sand part," Chi said.

The Student Activities Board C fee House Committee sponsored event. The committee chairpers Megan Sandlin said the commit holds one event every Tuesday each month.

Sandlin said, "We are planning have more comedians, and other man acts in the future."

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ting yet another robbery.

The man in jail was sentenced to four months for illegally serving the three months.

SO, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY OUTFIT?

A male stripper worked a private party in Murray, Utah, and, on the way home, went into a convenience store in Orem, still wearing his costume — a pair of jeans with the backside cut out — to see how people would react.

They reacted by calling the police.

THIS OUGHT TO DO IT, KA-BOOOM!

A man in Moscow tried to remove a stubborn paint stain on his trousers by putting them in his washing machine and pouring in a gallon of gasoline. The resulting explosion destroyed his apartment.

IT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ANYONE

Even though his blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit, a Philadelphia police officer was found not guilty of drunken driving after he accidentally drove his patrol car off the roof of a four-story parking garage.

The prosecutor was said to be incensed.

BOYS, THAT'S NO WAY TO BEHAVE

Teachers at the Kinyui Boys School in eastern Kenya barred the students from attending discos and video shows to give them more time to study for their exams.

In response, the lads rampaged through the school in an orgy of destruction, finally setting the place on fire.

WONDER HOW THE BABY'S DOING ...

A man failed in his attempt to rob a bar in Bochum, Germany, but did manage to flee the scene.

However, he was caught when he told his friend about it over a CB radio set, and the transmission was picked up on a neighborhood woman's baby monitor intercom system.

SOMEONE'S GETTING SPANKING

A female bank robber w dubbed the ``Naughty Girl Band after she hit a number of Southe California banks while wearing shirt with the word ``naught printed on the front. The 19-ye old has turned herself in to the F

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recorded and previously unreleased tracks. "Bad Day," which digs up R.E.M.'s deep 80's pop roots, and "Animal," a vicious pop tune that defines hip, turn their backs on the more timely and progressive singles of the band's career.

Curious buyers who aren't so familiar with R.E.M. will get a heaping helping of the band's gold stars from the past. "The Sidewinder Sleeps Tonite" is the village idiot of the 1991 album Automatic for the People. Not to be misunderstood, "Sidewinder" packs a pompous punch and proves its shiny, jangly worth among the other hits.

For those who've never own an R.E.M. album, this is a chance pick up the mother lode in one swoop. For longtime fans, the ra ties disc is an absolute must-hav

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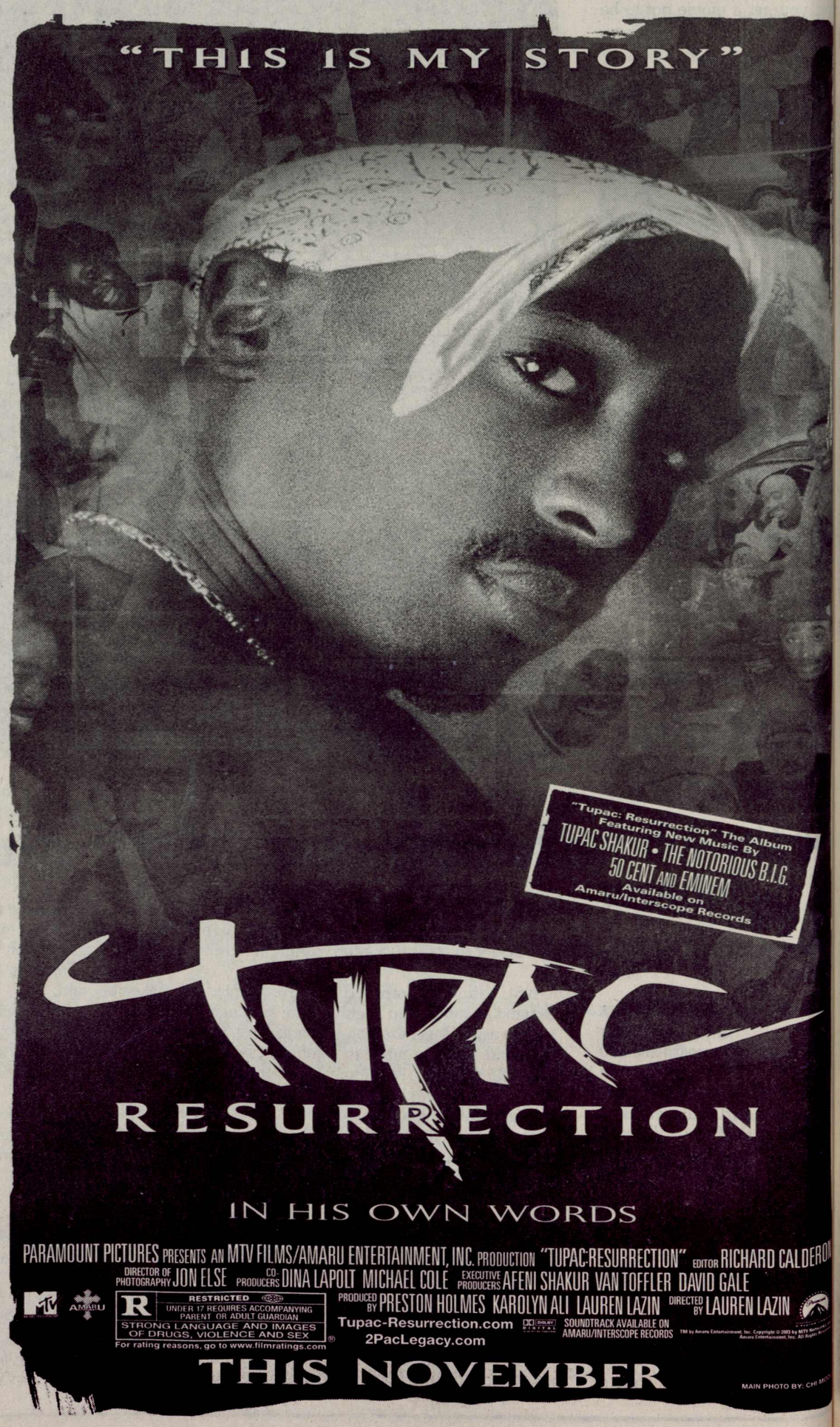
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DELANEY FROM PAGE 8

Delaney is to be enshrined as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame in 2004, and no Chiefs player has worn the number 37 since his death. His legacy is also kept alive by "37 Forever", a non-profit organization in Kansas City founded by Adam Jassey in 1999.

"The interest was there to keep number 37's memory alive from the onset. '37 Forever' was the name selected because Joe's number with the Chiefs was '37' and rather than being forgotten, we wanted Joe to be remembered 'forever'" Jassey said.

According to 37forever.org, their mission is "to provide water safety information and swimming programs to underprivileged youths" and "reduce water-related deaths through education and training." "37 Forever's" efforts may soon be seen locally as well, Jassey said.

"2003 was the first year we were able to start to sponsor the Learn to Swim Program in Kansas City, as we put 50 children through the American Red Cross Program. We will look to build on that in 2004, plus finally look towards starting Learn to Swim Programs in Joe's hometowns in Louisiana. The three places we want to accomplish this are in his native Haughton, at Northwestern State, and in Monroe".

Last summer, Delaney was featured on ESPN's SportsCenter and in the pages of Sports Illustrated commemorating the 20th anniversary of his death.

Veteran producer Andy Tennant, who produced the ten minute feature for SportsCenter said, "This was as challenging a story as I have worked on in my eight and a half years at ESPN. You're asking people to recall a very emotional time". "He made the ultimate sacrifice and gave his life in an attempt to save those three boys."

Tennant also said that even though he was too young to remember the events of that summer first hand, he was quite moved by the heroism of Delaney's actions.

Volleyball drops three in a row, loses last home game

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NSU vs. Texas-Arlington

Northwestern State closed out their home season Tuesday night, being swept by Texas-Arlington 3-0 in Southland Conference volleyball action.

Riding a seven-game conference losing streak, the Lady Demons (11-20, 5-13) looked sharp in the first game as they let a late lead slip away, losing 30-26. Texas-Arlington (15-12, 13-6) dominated to win games two and three by scores of 30-17 and 30-19.

UTA had three players spike down double-digits in kills with Melissa Robinett leading the way with 14. Stephanie Miklis added 12 followed by Caley Smith with 10.

NSU was held to just 38 kills on the night with Becky David and Vanessa Williams leading with nine each. As a team, NSU hit just .136 for the match with 21 errors on 125 attempts while the Mavs hit .372 with 55 kills on 113 attempts and just 13 errors.

Cathy Herring led the Lady Demon defense with 10 digs while Flavia Belo led the team with two blocks and 27 assists.

NSU vs. Lamar

The Northwestern State Lady Demons pulled out to an early 2-0 lead but then faltered as the Lamar Lady Cardinals came from behind to take a 3-2 win Saturday in Southland Conference volleyball action.

NSU (11-19, 5-12 SLC) came out strong hitting .455 and .484 in the first two games, putting away 36 out of 64 attempts to win 30-15 and 30-17. In game three the Lady Cardinals (10-18, 3-14 SLC) out hit the Lady Demons .488 to .283. This was the turning point of the game.

Lamar would then go on to win the last three games 30-24, 30-25 and 15-11 to pick up only their third win in Southland Conference action.

Leading hitter for the Lady Demons was senior outside hitter Becky David with 22 kills and 14 digs. Junior Beth Freeland and senior Evelyn Getzen picked up 14 and 12 kills respectively.

Nikki Perry led the Lady Cardinals with 21 kills and two digs.

NSU vs. McNeese

The Northwestern State volleyball team fell in four games to the visiting McNeese State Cowgirls 3-1 in Southland Conference action Friday night.

NSU (11-17, 5-10 SLC) took game one 30-20 but then dropped the next three games 30-23, 30-22, 30-25 and has now lost six matches in a row in Southland Conference action.

Senior outside hitter Becky David led the Lady Demons with 18 kills and 13 digs. Junior Beth Freeland added 10 kills and four service aces as the Lady Demons had 55 kills in 158 attempts for a .203 hitting percentage.

Marquita Williams led the Cowgirls with 24 kills and a .537 hitting percentage. The Cowgirls had 69 kills and a .312 hitting percentage to improve to 13-13, 11-5 in Southland play.

Soccer team exits tournament early, looks to next season

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With a 9-2-2 record, many around NSU expected the Demon soccer team to prevail in the Southland Conference Tournament.

The Demons were fourth seed in tournament and were favored to win their first match of the tournament against the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Unfortunately, the Demons fell to the Indians 4-1.

"We played well for the majority of the game, we just didn't score on some chances we had later in the game," Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said.

Mitchell said now that the season is over the team is trying to cope with the idea of losing three important senior players. Hillarie Marshall, Jennifer Robbins and Jacqui Lawrence reach the end of their four playing years and lose eligibility after this season.

"You spend four years with these people and go through good times and bad times and work on relationships with them, you don't think about it one day being gone," Mitchell said, fighting deep emotions.

"Those relationships don't go away but the person's eligibility goes and eventually, they go too."

Losing players like that is difficult for the team, but Mitchell said some take that idea too far.

"People wonder, 'how do you replace those people?'," Mitchell said. " You don't replace the person because everybody's different."

The Southland Conference Tournament ended with number two seeded Steven F. Austin beating No. 1 seeded Southeastern University for a place in the NCAA Tournament.

Mitchell said his team begins training next week to bring themselves back to a NCAA Tournament team.

"That's our goal and we will work really hard to do that," Michell said.

Two Demon athletes elected to Academic All-District & American

Courtesy Sports Information
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Northwestern State sophomore linebacker Paul Mefford, the second-leading tackler on the Demons' nationally-ranked Purple Swarm defense, has parlayed his 3.91 grade point average in business administration into a spot as one of only 24 Division I linebackers on the 2003 Academic All-America ballot.

Mefford was the only Division I-AA player voted a first-team berth on the CoSIDA Academic All-District VI all-star team for Division I-A and I-AA football programs in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Sports information directors elected 24 first-team and 24 second-team honorees. The first team winners advanced to the Academic All-America ballot, with results of that election to be released next month.

Mefford, who ranks fourth in the Southland Conference and second among the Demons with 86 tackles this season, was one of only four sophomores on the academic all-district first team.

Northwestern State senior defender Hillarie Marshall was elected to the second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District VI soccer team announced Thursday.

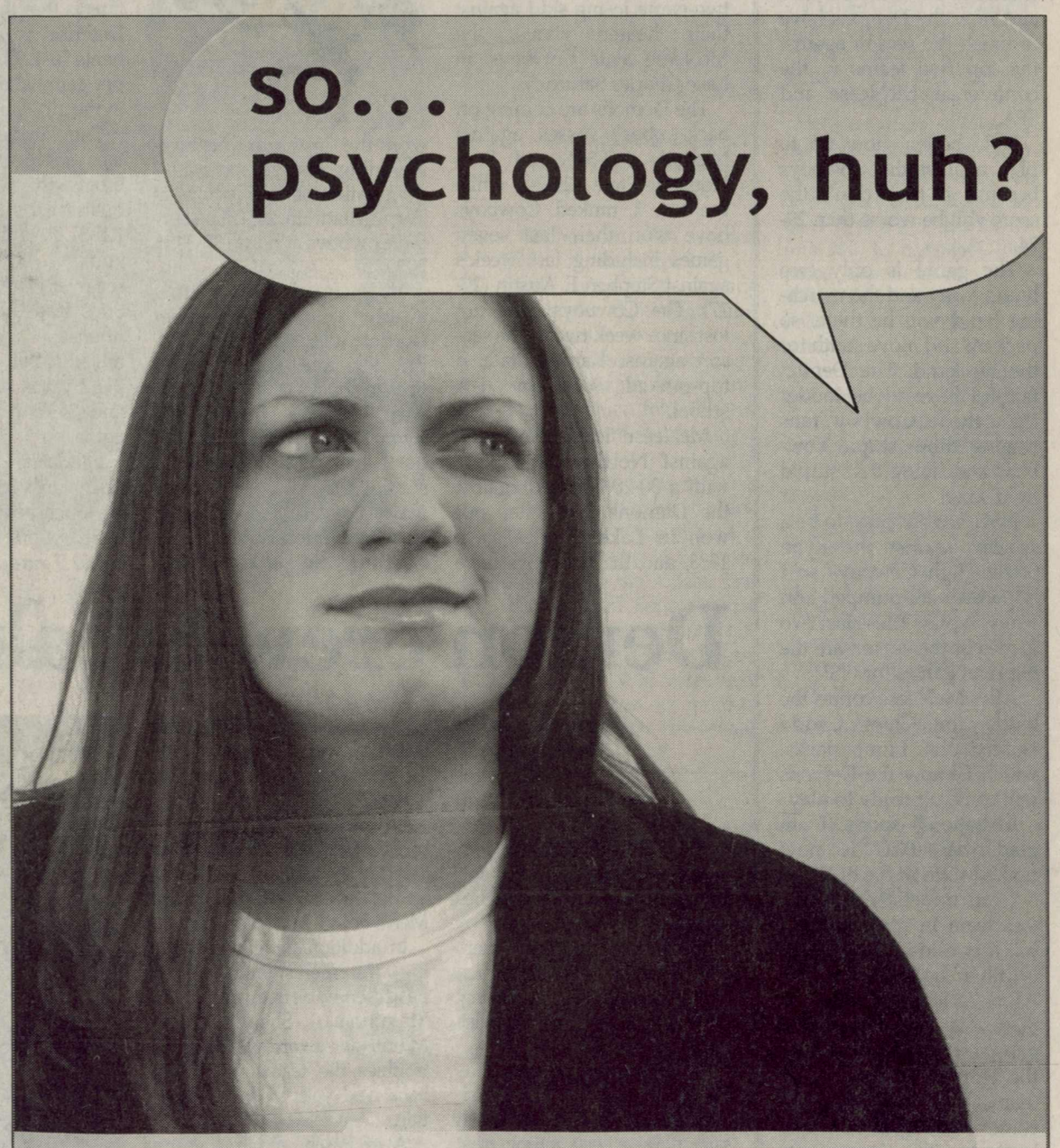
Marshall set many records during her four years at NSU including goals scored in a Southland Conference game with two, goals in a season with eight and goals in a career with 15. She also holds the record for points scored in a SLC game with four and points in a season with 17. Her four game-winning goals in a season, nine in a career, four in a SLC season and seven in an SLC career are also records for NSU.

A health and exercise science major from San Marcos, Calif., with a 3.738 grade point average, Marshall was a 2003 All-Southland Conference second team selection on a Demon soccer team that finished the season Thursday 9-9-2.

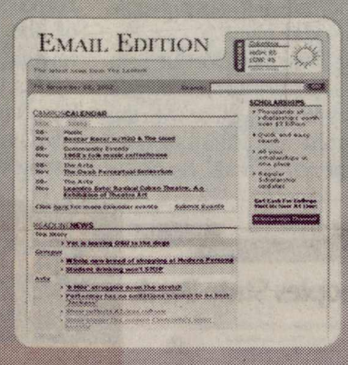
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Patrick West
The Way I See It

Losing weekend

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The Demon sports teams suffered a bad week with every team taking a loss.

The bad week started with the Lady Demon soccer team losing Thursday in the first round of the playoffs to the University of Louisiana Monroe.

The Lady Demons played hard but came up short missing key scoring opportunities and not capitalizing on Lady Indian mistakes.

Congratulations to Stephen F. Austin on winning their first Southland Conference tournament.

The volleyball team also lost last week and was knocked out of contention for the conference tournament. The Demons can still set the school record for most wins in the conference by winning their last two games.

The volleyball team can now play spoiler trying to knock a team out of a particular seed or even out of the tournament.

Now, moving on to the football team, apparently our team forgot to show up to play against Sam Houston State. The Bearkats had only one loss until they played us and, of course, they won!

The loss completely destroys the Demons' chance to make the playoffs and now the Demons have to finish the season against the top two teams in the conference: McNeese and SFA.

NSU better show up to play against the Cowboys because if they don't the score will be worse than 29-24.

The game is only two hours away and the marching band will be there, so pack up and move south for the weekend. The Demon faithful have to be louder than those Cowboy fans ringing those stupid cowbells and doing that stupid fight song.

NSU has a chance to be a spoiler against the Ryan Street High Cowboys so I hope they are pumped and ready to play. These last two games of the season are the big rival games for NSU.

After McNeese comes the battle for Chief Caddo against the Lumberjacks, which I know the Demons will come up ready to play.

In national sports, I am glad that TCU is now ranked sixth in the BCS.

I can understand a one-loss team in front of them but a two-loss team? Texas is fifth in the BCS, and in the AP polls Texas, Washington State, Georgia and Michigan are ranked higher than the Horned Frogs. If these teams are so great, how come Washington State lost badly to USC, Georgia lost to LSU and Florida, and Texas was destroyed by Oklahoma?

TCU deserves to be ranked higher than ninth, but I am pleased they are No. 6 in the BCS rankings, which makes the Horned Frogs eligible for an at large bid to a BCS bowl.

I hope the Demon faithful head down to Lake Charles and cheer our team on, because we are going to need all the help we can get.

Delaney, a true hero

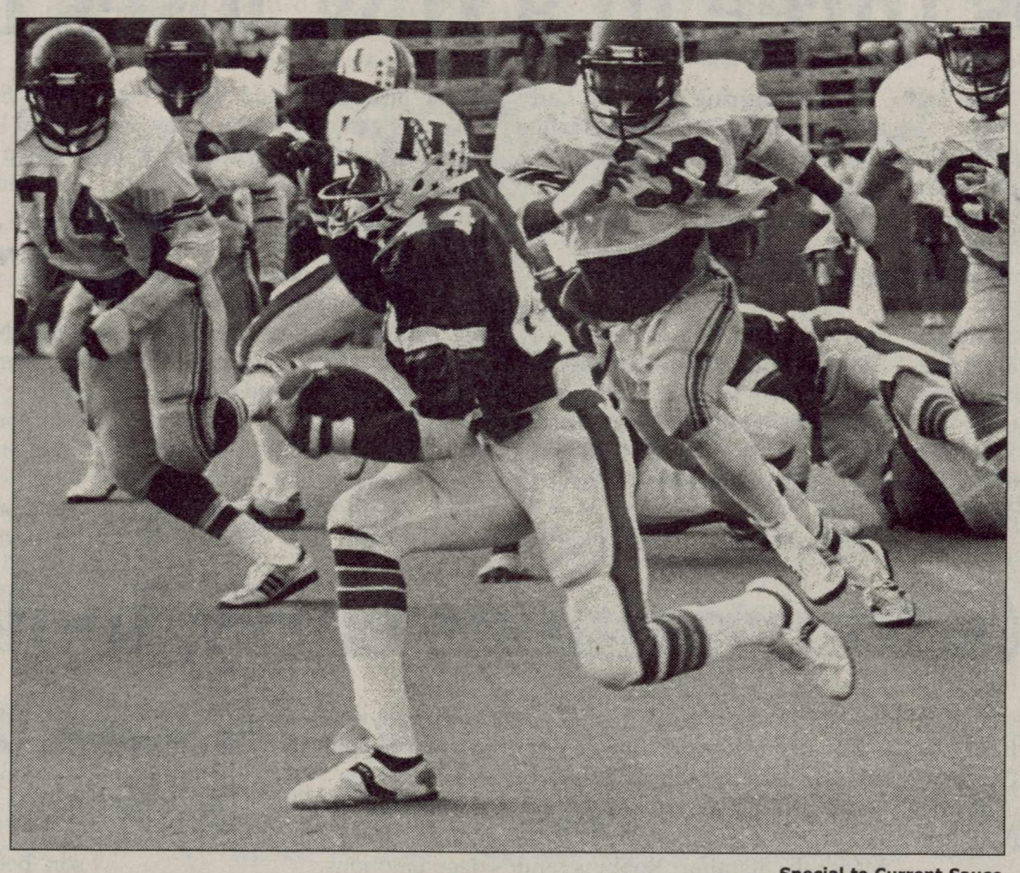
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On Oct. 28, 1978 Joe Delaney rushed his way into Northwestern State football lore.

On that Saturday the Demons were squared off against Nicholls State in a scoreless tie at halftime. Delaney, a sophomore running back for the Demons, had a quiet first half, carrying nine times for just 36 yards, but his second half performance would be one for the record books. Delaney led the Demons to victory, rushing for 299 yards on 28 carries and scoring four touchdowns along the way.

His numbers from that day have stood the test of time, and 25 years later Delaney still holds the NSU record for most yards rushing, most all purpose yards (379) and most rushing touchdowns in a single game.

Delaney finished his career at NSU in 1980 as the most dominant offensive player in school history and was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs the following spring. During his rookie season in Kansas City, Delaney enjoyed the same success he experienced in Natchitoches, earning AFC Rookie of the Year honors as well as being selected as a starter to the Pro Bowl team after rushing for over 1,100 yards.



Special to Current Sauce
Joe Delaney runs against a conference opponent during his days as a Demon running back. Delaney still holds, among others, the record for most rushing touchdowns in a single game.

Now, over 20 years later, not many fans of the NFL recall his name, and most of his records at NSU have fallen.

However, in Delaney's case, we are reminded how insignificant superlative statistics and athletic achievements really are. Delaney was one athlete who would not be defined by his exploits on the field of competition.

On a hot day in late June of 1983 Delaney, a native of Haughton, La. was relaxing at Chenault Park in Monroe. Nearby, three boys played in a rain-filled water hole that had been left by construction workers. A few moments later Delaney heard the youths cry for help as they fought to stay afloat.

Even though he could not swim, Delaney dove in to try to save the boys, giving up his own life in the process.

Two of the boys died that day, but according to numerous reports, the 24-year-old Delaney, who left behind a wife and three children, had saved one child and became the kind of hero that transcends the sports world in the process.

Shortly after Delaney's death, Vice President George H.W. Bush traveled to Haughton and, on behalf of President Ronald Reagan, posthumously awarded Delaney the Presidential Citizen's Medal.

Today, Delaney is remembered for the selflessness he displayed on that summer day and for his greatness on the gridiron.

See **Delaney**, page 7

Football prepares to Cowboy up

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The Northwestern State Demons will look to snap a two-game losing skid against their heated rivals, the McNeese State Cowboys, in Lake Charles Saturday.

The Demons are coming off back-to-back losses against Nicholls (40-30) and Sam Houston State (29-24) while the No. 1 ranked Cowboys have won their last seven games including last week's against Stephen F. Austin (20-17). The Cowboys have not lost since week two of the season against Kansas State, a top-ranked division I-A school.

McNeese leads the series against Northwestern State with a 30-20-1 record against the Demons. NSU has not won in Lake Charles since 1988, and the Cowboys have won the last two meetings including last season's 27-3 domination of the Demons at Turpin Stadium. NSU last beat the Cowboys at home 37-34 in 2000.

NSU is finally getting healthy with leading rusher Derrick Johnese, tackle Greg Buckley and guard Justin Brown back in the lineup. Also, backup quarterback Ryan Lewis is ready to play, but Davon Vinson is still the starting QB.

Last week the Demons struggled offensively as Vinson threw the ball 32 times but had only 12 completions for 111 yards. Also, NSU ran the ball 40 times for just 182 yards, below NSU's average of 235 yards per game.

The good news for Demon fans is that the Purple Swarm Defense is allowing opponents just 97.1 yards rushing per game and just 172.6 yards in the air.

The Purple Swarm has to face another deadly trio on offense this weekend. All-SLC quarterback Scott Pendarvis, All-SLC tailback Vick King and All-SLC wide receiver/kick returner B.J. Sims lead the McNeese State offense. The Cowboy's balanced offense is averaging 211.7 yards rushing per game and 243.3 passing yards per game.

Pendarvis has thrown for 1,826 yards on the season with 14 touchdowns and just five interceptions with an average of 202.9 yards per game.

King has rushed for 897 yards with an average of 112.1 per game and has 10 touchdowns on the season. Sims, a dual threat, has 48 catches for 734 yards and five touchdowns with an average of 81.6 yards per game, and has 235 yards on 22 punt returns.

The Cowboy defense is strong, but has given up points in the last seven games. Five of the last six games the Cowboy defense have given up 20 points or more to opponents.

The Demons are averaging 36.3 points per game while the Cowboys are averaging 36.2 points per game. These stats show that it could be an offensive explosion in Lake Charles this weekend, but the two defenses look to shut down the high-powered offenses.

The Demons are allowing an average of 20.8 points per game while the Cowboys are allowing an average of 23.6 points per game. The two teams are evenly matched which should mean a great game between two heated Southland Conference rivals.

McNeese heads into the game ranked No. 1 in both Division I-AA polls while NSU is not ranked for the first time since the 2000 season snapping a 32-straight regular season poll appearances.

Game time is 7.p.m. Saturday night. Students should go to the box office and buy tickets for the game. College Sports Television will televise the game live.

Demon crew breaks marathon record

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NSU Crew hosted the 14th annual Marathon Rowing Championship in Natchitoches Saturday.

Coach Alan Pasch said there were 72 entries with 285 participants from across the country that came to race the 26.2 miles on Cane River Lake.

"We had people come from as far as Wisconsin, Virginia, Arizona, Iowa and Florida," Pasch said. "We've been getting great feedback. We had good competitors and good conditions, and it made for a good year."

Senior David May has rowed the Marathon for the last six years.

"This was the most competitive one I've been in," May said. "We didn't even stop once for water thanks to our awesome coxswain, Yonna, who tortured us."

The torture paid off because the men's eight boat (eight men per boat) set a new NSU record finishing in 2:55:27. There were twelve course records broken on Saturday, with the University of Texas sweeping the main events, Pasch said.

UT took the Grant Cup for the men's eight boat, the Brumfield Cup for the women's eight boat and set a course record in the Men's Four Cup, Pasch said.

In addition to coxing (steering) the men's eight, Yonna Pasch served as treasurer for the Marathon. She said the Marathon awarded traveling trophies the teams will bring back next year to defend their title.

Alan Pasch said this year's Marathon was the best ever, with the biggest profit margin of about $7000.

"We try to put their name out there instead of just asking for a handout," Coach Pasch said. "Next year we want to get some corporate sponsors, more colleges to come here and make it a weekend ordeal to keep people here Saturday night."

Crew President Donald Seth Fornea said the team will buy 16 new oars at $250 a piece with the profit from the Marathon and invest the rest to make next year bigger.



Edward L. Boudreaux III / the Current Sauce
The Demon Crew team competes in the annual Marathon Rowing Championship. The men's eight boat and the mixed eight boat finished in fourth place in the competition.

"The Marathon is moving away from the junk boats like canoes and kayaks toward the real boats like the eights," Fornea said. "It was the hardest of the four years that I've rowed."

This year had a record number of eight boats with 17 entries. NSU entered a men's boat consisting of stroke David Moore, Fornea, May, Ricky Ziegler, Charlie Percy, Scott Ward, Justin Rains, Richard Lynch and Yonna Pasch.

NSU also entered a mixed eight (has a mixture of men and women) with four novice (first year) rowers competing. The mixed eight consisted of stroke Valerie Broussard, Aimee Causey, Drew Causey, Matt Hooker, Todd Hayes, Sean Patrick, Melanie Melancon, Ashley Samson and Amanda Breaux as coxswain, Coach Pasch said.

Both NSU boats placed fourth out of five in their respective divisions, but Coach Pasch was still pleased with their performances.

Times for all boats entered can be found at www.nsula.edu/nsucrew.

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NCAA Box Scores

NSU Soccer (9-9-2, 7-3-2)

Nov. 6, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Louisiana Monroe** (9-11-2, 6-5-1)

NSU 1-**ULM 4**

Goals by Period

	1	2	Final
NSU	1	0	1
ULM	1	3	**4**

Oct. 31, 2003
Northwestern State vs. ULM

NSU 0-ULM 0

Goals by Period

	1	2	OT	O2	Final
NSU	0	0	0	0	0
ULM	0	0	0	0	0

Key Player:
Heather Penico
Lone goal against ULM
sophomore forward

NSU Volleyball (11-20,5-13) Southland Conference

Key Player:
Cathy Herring
10 digs
Senior Libero

Nov. 11, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Texas-Arlington** (15-12, 13-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	26	17	19	- 0
UTA	30	30	30	- **3**

Nov. 8, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Lamar** (10-19, 3-15)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
NSU	30	30	24	25	11	- 2
LU	15	17	30	30	15	- **3**

Nov. 7, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **McNeese State** (14-13, 12-5)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	30	23	22	25	- 1
MSU	30	30	30	30	- **3**

Northwestern State vs. Centenary (5-24)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	30	30	30	- **3**
CU	24	19	13	- 0

This Just In

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Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

NSU basketball set to play exhibitions

Northwestern State's men's and women's basketball teams will hold their final exhibition games before regular season play when they host Henderson State on Thursday at Prather Coliseum. The Lady Demons will tipoff at 5:45 followed by the Demons.

Henderson State will bring two of the nation's top teams in Division II basketball. The Reddies finished last season as the Gulf South Conference champions with a 30-5 record and an appearance in the NCAA regional finals game.

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Fire Watchers patrol halls after inspection

Inspectors cite lack of smoke detectors, quiet fire alarms in mandating new program

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The state fire marshal imposed a Fire Watch Program Oct. 27 for NSU's residence halls due to substandard fire detection and warning systems.

A recent fire at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, where several students were injured, prompted a state inspection of Louisiana college campuses. Inspectors found that NSU's residence halls were not in accordance with revisions to the state fire code made after the fire at Tech.

The fire marshall cited the lack of hardwired smoke detectors in dorm rooms as well as the insufficient volume level of the fire alarms as grounds to mandate the Fire Watch Program.

Assistant Coordinator of Residential Life Shelia Gentry said NSU was the only college in the state that was compliant with the code.

The program requires designated student workers to make rounds throughout all campus dormitories.

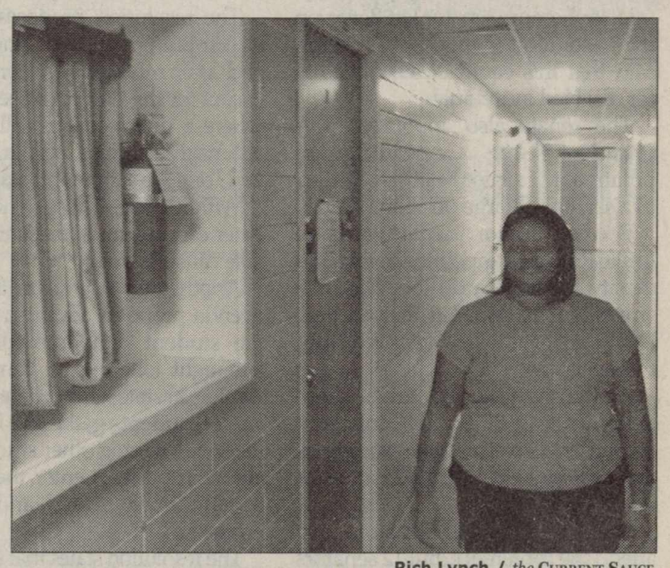
"As long as at least 10 students are in a residence hall, 24-hour Fire Watch is necessary," Gentry said. She said Fire Watch workers must walk the halls and kitchens of their assigned area and "look for smoke, smell for smoke and look for danger."

A Fire Watch worker who encounters smoke or fire must sound the alarm, warn the students on the hall and report the situation to the RA. The RA then notifies the senior area coordinator who contacts the housing and fire departments.

Fire Watch workers are paid the normal student worker wage of $5.15 per hour and are not allowed to do any other work during their hour-long Fire Watch shift. Gentry said that approximately 140 students are currently employed as Fire Watch workers, 70 of which did not already hold student jobs.

At any given time, around 30 of the workers are on duty,

■ See **Fire Watch**, page 2



Rich Lynch / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Raven Frederick performs a routine Fire Watch check in Dodd Hall for fires on Tuesday. Dodd RAs are required to check for fires in the residence hall every 30 minutes.

What's Current?

NEWS

Department of Social Science becomes new School

The Department of Social Sciences has changed its name and status.

Greg Granger announced at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting that the department has been named the School of Social Sciences. This change will bring faculty shifts to the school including naming Joe Morris as the new coordinator of criminal justice and Granger as the new coordinator of social sciences. Granger's new position will put him in charge of the anthropology, history, political science, social sciences, and sociology programs.

The Williamson Museum is one of the University's research centers and programs for which the school will be responsible.

The School of Social Sciences will offer six baccalaureate degrees to more than 600 students and will broaden its possibilities with the addition of a graduate degree in heritage resources.

Director of the School of Social Sciences Kathleen Byrd said she feels this change will put the social sciences in a better position to raise funds in the future as well as better serve the students.

Joshua Barrios

Faculty Senate passes measure to revoke athletes' early registration

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution Tuesday that aims to revoke early registration priviledges to student-athletes.

The resolution, which stated that "it is the sense of the Senate that each student registering for classes at NSU should be treated equally," must be approved by University Provost Anthony Scheffler and University President Randall Webb before it could be implemented.

Athletics Director Greg Burke said he was surprised when *the Sauce* notified him of the resolution's existence, or that it had passed. He said NSU instituted the policy after an NCAA peer review, consisting of colleges of similiar makeup as NSU, suggested it in December 2002, and that most Division I-A universities have similar policies.

Burke said revoking the registration policy could endanger NSU's athletic certification, which he said was roughly equivalent to accreditation to an academic department.

Staff Reports

Media Board recommends *Sauce* managing editor for interim editor

The NSU Media Board decided Wednesday to recommend *the Current Sauce*'s Managing Editor Kristen Dauzat to the SGA for appointment as interim editor.



DAUZAT

Current editor in chief Garrett Guillotte submitted his letter of resignation to *the Sauce*'s adviser and the Department of Journalism on Oct. 28.

Dauzat was selected from a field of four applicants. The SGA will vote to approve or reject her on Dec. 1.

Staff Reports

What's Updated?

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Michael Jackson expected to surrender on sex charges

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) — On Wednesday, when authorities announced they had issued an arrest warrant charging 45-year-old singer Michael Jackson with multiple counts of child molestation, it was one more episode in an increasingly sordid soap opera.



JACKSON

Jackson is expected to surrender to authorities Thursday.

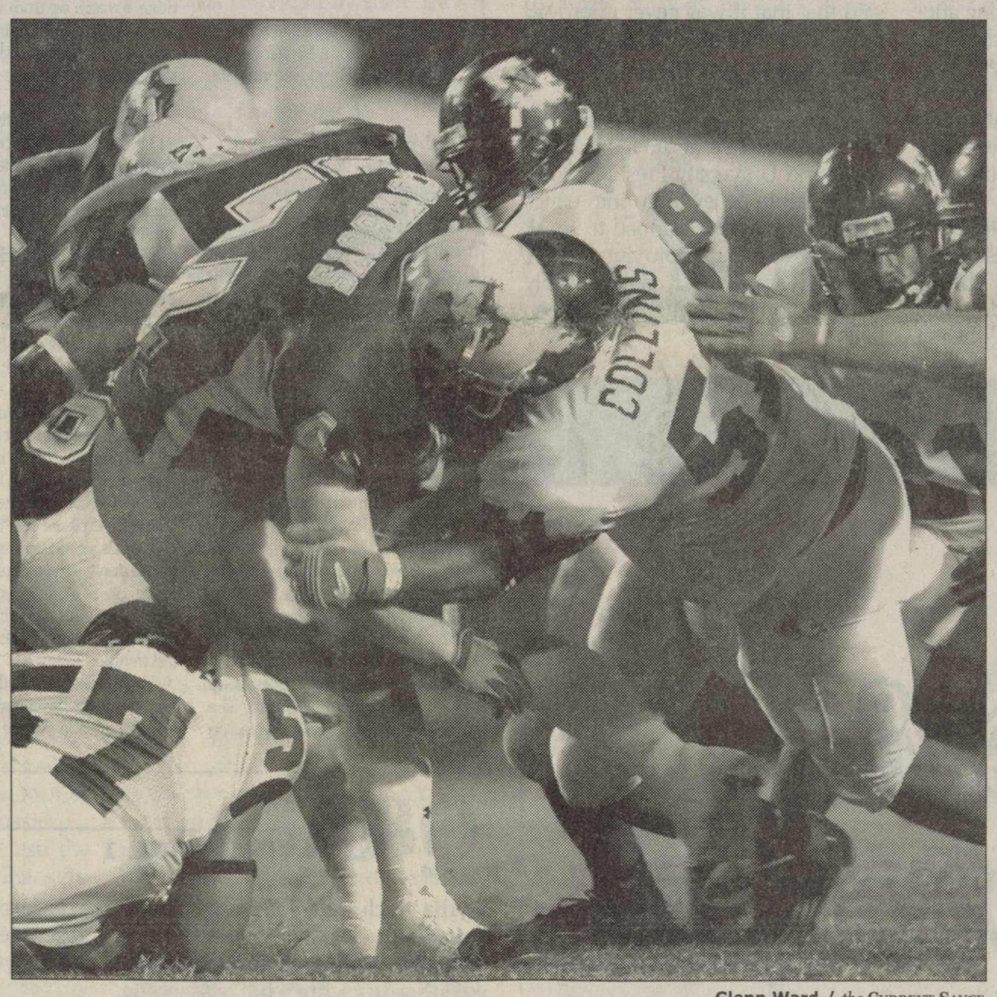
The charges come at the end of a particularly bad year for Jackson, one in which his financial empire has begun to crumble and the entertainment industry has virtually ignored his new music.

Instead, he's been dogged by the aftershocks of a TV documentary last winter in which he admitted that he slept in a bed with many children and carted his children throughout Europe, wearing masks. In 2002, photos and video showed him dangling his child, Prince Michael II, over a balcony to adoring fans.

Jackson's relationship with children has long been a source of speculation. In 1993, Jackson was accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy. He denied the allegation, but reached a reported multimillion-dollar settlement with the child and his family.

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Heartbreaker of a loss

Demon defensive end Tory Collins helps tackle McNeese State University fullback Luke Lawton in Saturday's 13-9 football loss. While the Purple Swarm defense held the McNeese Cowboy's high-powered offense to few points, critical mistakes on offense prevented an upset NSU victory.

For the full story, see **Sports | Page 8**

SGA senator to be impeached for second time

Fontenot to be tried again for not completing required office hours; three other senators to be evaluated.

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Sophomore SGA senator John Eric Fontenot will be tried at an impeachment hearing for the second time this semester.

Also, three senators have been placed on administrative evaluation for failing to complete their required duties.

At the SGA meeting on Monday, Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam read a letter addressed to Fontenot out loud to the senate. The letter notified Fontenot that because he had not completed his required office hours, the senate will vote next week whether to remove him from office. The senate voted 11 to five to keep Fontenot in office during his first impeachment trial on Nov. 3.

Pulliam also announced that freshman senator Hunter Landry, sophomore senator Jerry Whorton and junior senator Craig DeSoto, will be receiving administrative evaluations for not completing their office hours for two weeks. According to the SGA by-laws, if these senators fail to complete their office hours for one more week, they will be placed before the senate for removal.

The senate met on Monday and approved three resolutions, a senate appointment and an appointment to the Media Board by general consent.

The first approved piece of legislation resolved that the University should purchase at least six new industrial-sized garbage cans for the married student housing complex to alleviate a garbage overflow problem.

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Q&A

Q: Did you vote in the state elections Saturday? If so, for whom did you vote? If not, why?

A:

Zebb Rogers | Freshman, Nursing
Because he (Jindal) is a Republican mainly; he is a good Christian guy. I'm Christian and I can't vote for a Democrat. Other students don't vote because they're lazy and don't care. Half of them didn't even know there was an election.

Lonnada Green | Freshman, Psychology
I voted for Blanco because Jindal was just going to be a repeat of Mike Foster, and I didn't want that. Foster was bad.

Chris Hill | Freshman, Business
I wasn't registered. I was busy and never got around to register.

Andrea Below | Sophomore, Nursing
I voted for Kathleen Blanco because I agreed with the issues she stood for. The health care issue, how she wants to form a forum for better health care for Louisianians and because she has experience. It wasn't because she was a female.

Paul Jannise | Senior, Scholars' College
Blanco was the lesser of two evils.

Jared Monroe | Senior, Scientific Inquiry/Pre-Med
I wish I would have voted, but I didn't know enough to make an informed decision, and I didn't want to vote for the wrong candidate. But if you didn't put your input in, you have less of a justification to complain.

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NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance of thunderstorms	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	40% chance of showers
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The resolution's sponsor, senior senator Jack Halford, lives in the married student housing complex. Halford said, "Especially on weekends or when people move in; what we have there is not sufficient so we usually have garbage pile up. We have leaks, we have chicken bones, we have old food just lying all over the place out there, and there are children that play outside."

The second approved resolution stated that the fence between the married student housing complex and the railroad tracks east of campus is damaged, and the University should repair it for security purposes.

According to the third approved resolution, "Roy Hall lacks a proper handicap access ramp in its parking lot," and the University should "place a handicap access ramp near the handicap parking spot at Roy Hall."

"There's about a six-inch drop from the sidewalk to the parking lot," said sophomore senator Jeff Bergeron the resolution's sponsor. Bergeron said that this could create difficulty for disabled individuals.

The senate also approved SGA President Greg Comeaux's appointment of senior Matthew Bartley to a senator-at-large position.

Former junior senator-at-large Leslie Ross was appointed to the University Media Board. Ross filled the empty seat that was left after Andrew David resigned. Ross resigned from the senate last week.

At the meeting, the senate chose delegates to send to the Conference on Student Government Associations that will be held Feb. 22-25 at Texas A&M University.

Only seven NSU senators can attend the conference, but 12 senators were interested in attending. Each senator voted for seven nominees on a paper ballot, and the seven senators who received the most votes were chosen to attend COSGA. The senators who were chosen are Zachary Pulliam, Ashlie Fisher, Jeff Bergeron, Matt Burroughs, Shantel Wempren, Jack Halford and Alan Sypert.

Six new pieces of legislation were tabled and will be discussed by the SGA senate on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

The first piece of legislation on the Dec. 1 agenda is a proposal to establish guidelines in the SGA by-laws concerning the free scantrons that the SGA provides for NSU students. Upon approval of this bill, free scantrons will be available to students one day of the school week for four hours. Students will have to present valid student IDs, provide their student ID numbers and print and sign their names in order to receive the free scantrons.

A resolution proposing a campus shutdown during holidays and after midnight on non-holidays will also be discussed on Dec. 1. According to the resolution, "there have been many break-ins over the past year, particularly over holiday breaks and there have been several reports of burglaries and assaults on campus many of which are committed by non students." Also, the resolution states that "there is a noticeable drug-trafficking problem late at night in which students who are not residents of the university enter campus and visit residence halls or parking lots to distribute drugs."

The resolution did not cite specific sources for this information.

The resolution proposes blocking all campus entrances during holidays and after midnight on non-holidays except for the Caspari Street entrance where a police officer will check all entering vehicles for a hangtag and/or a student identification card.

Without that, those who wish to enter campus must present a reasonable cause to do so.

Another resolution on the Dec. 1 agenda proposes adding a section to the student handbook prohibiting late-night loitering on campus. The resolution states that "there is a problem of students gathering in front of Iberville, making other students who are attempting to enter the building uncomfortable, scared, and at times, harassed."

The resolution states that there were three reported break-ins in the Iberville parking lot during the week of Nov. 7-13. However, the resolution did not cite a source for this information.

Also, the resolution states that Iberville Dining Hall closes at 8 p.m., and there is no need for students to be standing in front of the building after this time. The proposed addition to the student handbook is "after 8 p.m. quiet hours will extend into the outside premises of all residential and dining facilities, in which excessive numbers of students in groups will be dissembled."

The fourth piece of legislation that will be voted on Dec. 1 is a resolution proposing to let students choose whether or not to pay an additional student fee of $1 to the NSU theater department each semester. (The resolution named it the drama department). Currently, the theater department receives $1 from each full-time student each semester. According to the resolution, the theater department student self-assessed fee has not been increased in decades, and due to inflation, the department "is forced to work with a budget that provides them with half of the materials they were able to purchase years ago, resulting in productions that are not at their full potential."

Upon approval of this resolution, the students will vote on this matter in the Spring 2004 elections.

According to another proposed resolution, the storm drain covers near Boozman Hall and A.A. Fredericks Performing Arts Center are not put into place adequately, and this is a safety concern for disabled students and cyclists. The resolution states that the University should correct this problem.

The sixth piece of legislation to be discussed states that the views and opinions of any person chosen to speak by the SGA as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series do not necessarily reflect the views of the SGA.

At the end of the SGA meeting on Monday, Senator Keith Gates announced that at the Dec. 1 meeting he will move to rescind a bill that was passed by the senate during the spring 2003 semester. The bill proposed allowing the students to vote on whether to continue paying a $1 student self-assessed fee to the NSU rodeo team.

"I really think this was unfairly picking at the rodeo team," Gates said. "Why don't we put all of them [student self-assessed fees] up [for a vote]? ... We should either put all of them up for a vote or none of them, but not just one."

The original plan was that the decision would be voted on by the students in the fall 2003 election. Senator Alan Sypert, who sponsored the bill, said that that it was never approved by Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour, and that is why it was not on the fall ballot.

All pieces of legislation passed by the SGA must be approved by Seymour and University President Randall Webb in order to go into effect. Sypert said that he planned to speak to Seymour about approving the bill, and if it is approved, it could possibly be placed on the Spring 2004 election ballot.

NSU Police Blotter

11-11-03

3:35 a.m.
A University Columns resident called to report rocks being thrown at the bedroom window.

8:50 a.m.
A girl passed out on the third floor of Kyser Hall. She was transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

1:32 p.m.
A complaint was made concerning a group of men who were using vulgar language and blocking the entrance of the west side of the Student Union.

1:47 p.m.
A professor reported that his laptop had been stolen from his office.

5:18 p.m.
A call was received from the front desk of Rapides regarding a burning smell coming from the lobby. An officer was sent over to investigate. There was no sign of smoke. The power plant was contacted.

7:15 p.m.
A call was made regarding two male subjects fighting in front of the Student Union. Witnesses were questioned, but no one knew who they were or where they went.

11-12-03

7:49 a.m.
Several vehicles were broken into at the University Columns.

11-13-03

11:26 a.m.
A report was made regarding an old man wandering down Tarelton Drive. Traffic was forced to go around him. He had an unkempt appearance and had apparently urinated on himself.

7:04 p.m.
A call was made about a bunch of people going crazy in front of Iberville.

11-15-03

11:34 p.m.
A vehicle was broken into in the Iberville/Rapides parking lot.

11-16-03

3:49 p.m.
Two people were stuck in the elevator in the A.A. Fredricks Fine Arts building.

Elizabeth Bolt

Student Government Association Minutes November 17, 2003

I. Call to Order at 7:03
The prayer led by Sara Burling and the pledge led by Mindy McConnell.

Members Present:
Jeff Bergeron
Sara Burling
Matt Burrough
Craig Desoto
Patrick Feller
Ashlie Fisher
Dustin Floyd
John Fontenot
Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Josh Howell
Kelli Menard
Mindy McConnell
Zach Pulliam
Alan Sypert
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Members Absent:
Chris Faist
Hunter Landry
Kelli Miller
Casey Ponder

Jack Halford moves to approve the minutes from November 10, 2003. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion.

II. Executive Reports
Treasurer- Edward ' Beau' Boudreaux:
No Report
Vice-President- Scott Manguno:
John Eric Fontenot has been given a letter notifying him that at the next SGA meeting he will be up for removal. Hunter Landry, Jerry Whorton and Craig Desoto are Administrative Evaluation. The Student Self Assessed Fee Committee meeting was productive and Scott Manguno will write a report on that meeting.
President- Greg Comeaux:
Greg Comeaux just returned from COSBP in Hammond, which went well. The cell phone policies in libraries was discussed. The Northwestern library has asked the SGA to write policies since there are currently none in place. The Wellness Center meeting is Wednesday please attend. Matt Bartley is up for appointment tonight. The COSGA delegates will be voted on tonight.

III. Departmental Reports
Academic Affairs- Mindy McConnell:
The Lesiure Class is cancelled. Mindy McConnell will be working on the proposal for the CRC on the Civics class and the African American History class to present on January 13. An Honor Code will also be written. The processes for non-athlete students to be force added will be analyzed.
External Affairs- Ashlie Fisher:
The SGA website was started and all profiles are due by Friday. The SGA Christmas Party will be at Trailboss on December 8 at 7p.m. The Night manager of the Union has requested that we pickup after ourselves, the room has been being left messy.
Fiscal Affairs- Edward ' Beau' Boudreaux:
STAT meeting went well today. $179,000 in grants was approved in the four and a half hour long meeting. There will be no meeting next week.
Internal Affairs- Zach Pulliam:
There has been a lot of work done, to catch up from last week's hospital visit. The scantron by law is tabled and there are other bills up tonight that have been reviewed by Internal.
Student Affairs- Keith Gates:
Wellness Center meeting is Wednesday at 11, there is apparently big stuff going down so please attend. The bill discussing the ticketing procedures that Dr. Webb sent to Traffic and Parking failed there. The Student Life Committee sent the bill back to Traffic and Parking to review again when the views of the senate can be voiced.
Graduate Advisor Report - David Gunn:
Mr. Henry is sick today. The two pieces of legislation that is required by each senator needs to be done soon and there will be a large 'New Business' section for the next two weeks. Also please don't forget that COSGA is a good opportunity and please don't go if you are not going to be on SGA next year. Please don't place your name in consideration if you might back out at the last minute.
Zach Pulliam adds that legislation needs to have real meaning and the agenda will be limited to legitimate legislation. David Gunn added that the two pieces of legislation rule should be reviewed.
Advisor Report- Mr. Carl Henry: (absent)
No Report
SAB report- Ashlie Fisher:
There is a LOB information Tuesday at 7p.m. The Canned Food Drive ends this week. Fall Frenzy was today. Senior Day is Saturday ay 10:45 and those who signed up please get with Ashlie Fisher after.
Supreme Court- Sharmyn Little: (no court members present)
No Report

IV. Old Business
FA03-025 dealing with garbage can in Married Housing.
Jack Halford reads Bill Fa03-025 and moves to approve the bill. Jeff Bergeron seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.
FA03-026 dealing with the fence repair in Married Housing.
Jack Halford reads Bill FA03-026 and moves to approve the bill. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion Passes.
FA03-027 dealing with the handicap accessibility of Roy Hall.
Matt Burrough reads Bill FA03-027 and moves to approve the bill. Shantel Wempren seconds the motion. Discussion Motion Passes.

V. New Business
Bills FA03-028 through FA03-033 are tabled.
Greg Comeaux read the list of recommended COSGA delegates.
David Gunn as the advisor
Mindy McConnell
Zach Pulliam
Kelli Menard
Shantel Wempren
Jeff Bergeron
Matt Burrough
Ashlie Fisher
Jack Halford moves to approve the list of COSGA delegates. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Discussion. Dustin moves to amend the list to add Jack Halford to the list. Patrick Feller seconds the motion. Dustin Floyd rescinds his prior motion and requests that each delegate be voted on individually. Mindy McConnell moves to add Kelli Miller to the list of names in consideration. Dustin moves to add Jack Halford to the list of consideration. Mindy McConnell moves to add Alan Sypert to the list of names in consideration. Zach Pulliam closes the list of names in consideration. Discussion on the list of names. Zach Pulliam aska the senate to write down seven names from the list of consideration that they desire to send to COSGA. Votes tallied and delegates announced as the following:
Zach Pulliam, Shantel Wempren, Jeff Bergeron, Matt Burrough, Ashlie Fisher, Jack Halford and Alan Sypert.
Appointment of Matt Bartley to senate. Matt Bartley speaks to the senate on his behalf and the senate questions him. Zack Pulliam asks Matt Bartley to exit. Dustin Floyd moves to approve Matt Bartley to senate. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Discussion . Motion passes.
Matt Bartley enters the room and Greg Comeaux gives Matt Bartley the oath of office.
Mindy McConnell moves to approve Leslie Ross to the Media Board. Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.
Scott Manguno announces that the removal trial of John Fontenot will be on December 1st.
Keith Gates moves to reopen the floor for COSGA nominations. Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Motion rescinded. Keith Gates moves to reconsider nominations to COSGA. Motion rescinded. Keith Gates moves to reconsider the vote on COSGA. Mindy McConnell seconds the motion.
Craig Desoto exits stating that the debate is 'very childish'
Motion fails to reconsider vote on COSGA 3-11-2.

VI. Announcements
Keith Gates announces that SP03-024 will be up for reconsideration next week. Dustin Floyd will start a meet and greet with constituents. This will be on Tuesday at 4. David Gunn asks that web page profiles be turned in ASAP. Greg Comeaux encourages all to attend the WRAC Wednesday at 11. The Media Board will meet Wednesday at 3:30 and will decide a interim editor. Dustin Floyd requests that the Media Board bring more than one suggestion to the senate. Scott Manguno thanks the Student Self Assessed Fee Committee and welcome to the guests in the back.
Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Q&A
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Lydia Archuleta | Senior, Chemistry
I didn't vote because I wasn't keeping up with what was going on, and I didn't want to go in there and vote blindly for someone. Those who don't vote don't have a right to complain. I'm not going to be here over the next four years.

Klint Newer | Junior, Scientific Inquiry
I would've voted for Jindal because I liked his ideas of reform and feel that Louisiana needs someone to push us forward instead of keeping it where it is. I couldn't get home to vote and was uninformed about the details of absentee balloting. The man held me down.

Jeanne Gay | Junior, Scientific Inquiry/Pre-Med
I've just never really felt like I should vote, I haven't taken the time to register. Yeah, I'm an idiot.

James Means | Professor, Louisiana Scholars' College
I'm delighted that Blanco won, she has a great reputation and she's not going to close the hospitals. The reason I didn't vote was because it was Scholars' day, and I forgot.

Ciel Dafford | Senior, Humanities and Social thought
My parents are artists so I voted for Blanco because she's better for the arts community. It's better when they don't go hungry.

Johnnie Saims | Junior, Computer and Information Systems
I think a woman would make a big difference. Men have been messing up this country for a while and I think a woman would help make this a better state.

Krystle Crayton | Freshman, Biology
I wasn't in my hometown, but would've voted for Blanco.

Barrett Linam | Freshman, Psychology and Spanish
I didn't vote because I just registered. I registered after hearing Ralph Nader speak because he was a damn good speaker, and he inspired me to register.

Alex Aichinger | Professor, Political Science
I voted for Bobby Jindal because I thought he presented the best chance for Louisiana and the residents. I'm displeased in the sense that nothing is really going to change the underlying structural problems we have. They aren't going to get better and will probably get worse. Jindal was going to make an attempt to remedy the underlying structural problems of the state.

Scotty Dawson | Junior, Music Education
I didn't vote because I am in the band, and this weekend we were at the NSU/McNeese game.

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Medicaid cuts close Day Treatment Center

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NSU students and Medicaid patients can no longer go to the Natchitoches Day Treatment Center to see psychiatrists. The clinic closed its doors about a month ago due to reduced Medicaid funding.

Rebecca Boone, director of Counseling and Career Services, said that a lot of the federal funding the treatment center received in the past was Medicaid. When that funding was reduced, it was difficult for the treatment center to continue services to its patients.

Many of those patients did not have the financial means to attain such care without Medicaid.

Boone said that in the same way NSU health services refers students to local physicians, the counseling and career service has referred students to a doctor at the treatment center.

"We have a separate contract though health services for psychiatric services," Boone said.

For at least four years, Boone said the university has been referring students to a psychiatrist who can diagnose mental disorders and prescribe medications. For about three years that physician has been Ramil Baratang. Boone estimated that 15 or 20 NSU students currently meet with Baratang. The students are only responsible for a $10 co-payment and the cost of medications.

Veronica Sisco, a senior social work major, said she has been seeing Baratang since early July, when he diagnosed her with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

"I went to see Dr. Baratang because I was having problems with concentrating," Sisco said. "Somebody told me I could be ADHD."

Sisco went to Counseling and Career Services before meeting with Baratang.

"Every student that comes through here won't have to see Dr. Baratang because it's not necessary," Boone said.

Students needing prescriptions do need to see him because Boone and other counselors cannot prescribe medications.

Sisco's visits with Baratang have been reduced from once a month to once every three months. The closing of the treatment center complicated scheduling appointments.

Baratang had a contract with NSU, separate from the treatment center, and now drives from Alexandria to Natchitoches to meet with students in the Counseling and Career Services office. Boone said he is able to visit NSU three Tuesdays per month.

"He is a very compassionate, knowledgeable person who cares about the student, and they have a lot of respect and trust for him. So we're glad we didn't have to find another psychiatrist," Boone said.

"He set our appointments up, and I had an appointment three months ahead of time," Sisco said. "And now I don't even know when my appointment is."

The new location is an advantage for NSU students, but Sisco said the change has a downside.

"It's more convenient for us, but it sucks for the kids on Medicaid because they don't have anyone," Sisco said.

"She put a day treatment center here," Sisco said about the center's owner, "because there was no facility for the kids to go to within a 50-mile radius."

Another negative effect of the center's closing is that it is now more difficult for Sisco to get her medication.

"Before, I would just go up to Natchitoches Day Treatment," Sisco said. Now she has to call Baratang, who, in turn, calls the NSU infirmiry to authorize them to give her the medication. Her once-a-day medication is free because it is Stratterra, a new non-stimulant drug, which is offered in samples.

Another student, a junior male who did not wish to be named, recently started seeing Baratang.

"I went as a result of what they call a minor depressive breakdown," he said. "It was an emergency visit."

The student had a panic attack in late October that included headaches and nausea, and he went to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital emergency room. They sent him to the treatment center.

He described his mental state as a culmination of stressful, angry and violent emotions all in one second.

"You're walking on the street, and you're fine. Then you turn a corner, and everything in the world is horrible," he said.

The student said Baratang diagnosed him as being type two bipolar. He now takes Zoloft, an antidepressant and Trileptal, a mood stabilizer.

"Before, I just felt like I had no control over my emotions, and I was just floating in a fog somewhere," he said.

One reason he decided to seek help was becausehis thoughts were becoming more suicidal, and his actions were more violent. He said violence and self-mutilation releases endorphins, and that made him feel better.

Boone said that students who receive medication prescriptions through Baratang are required to continue in counseling. Those meetings vary from once a week to one time each month.

Boone said that medication alone was not a solution, but if someone is on medication, regular therapy is important.

"Research has shown that people do much better if they're receiving medication and therapy," Boone said.

ROTC program more than just an extracurricular

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The Demon Battalion, NSU's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program, gives cadets more than just college credit.

Unlike most college students, ROTC cadets have jobs waiting for them upon graduation.

Cadets leave NSU as Lieutenants of the Army. Major George Milton, who is NSU's Admissions and Recruiting Officer, said, "For students who don't know what to do after high school, the program does two things. First, it gives an opportunity to serve your country. Second, it gives an opportunity to serve an organization they (students) may not have considered."

Milton said military training can lead to other opportunities in the job market. There are two programs available, non-obligatory and Officer Candidate School.

The non-obligatory program is the same training, course work and involvement. The only difference is that a student can participate in the program for two years with no obligation to the U.S. Army. This gives a student an opportunity to be involved in the organization and try the military before deciding to enroll in OCS.

OCS trains and prepares cadets to be Army Lieutenants. Training involves course work, physical training and volunteering. Milton said that volunteer service is critical to the cadets program.

He sees the cadets' volunteer work as a way of giving back to the community that they will be serving. Recently, NSU cadets helped to raise $1,400 for the Natchitoches Parish Library through a book sale. Cadets also have an on-going volunteer program in which they collect items to send in care packages to members of the military serving overseas. Items they are collecting include canned foods and toiletry items.

Cadets can also participate in the Green to Gold program. The program is open to soldiers who have prior or current service, are leaving Fort Polk and want to become an officer. The idea is they trade their green battle dress uniforms for a Lieutenants' gold bar.


MILTON

"First, it gives an opportunity to serve your country. Second, it gives an opportunity to serve an organization they (students) may not have considered."

Maj. George Milton
NSU ROTC Admissions and Recruiting Officer

The age limit for entering this program is 31. Milton said that current cadets in the program can be "soldiers today, students tomorrow and officers of the future."

Milton said that the military training, leadership skills and college education provided by the Army is of such good quality that the Army loses a lot of Captains to outside corporations. One way to safeguard those losses is for the Army to offer to pay for the officer's master's degree.

Leaving the Army is not an option that all cadets take. Cadet Carry Hemphill started her military training with four years of high school ROTC. She said she plans to serve four years in Active Duty with the Army and another four years with the National Guard. In exchange for her service, the Army is paying for her four-year degree. She said that she enjoys all aspects of the training including her physical training between 6 and 7 a.m. even though it's so early in the morning.

Cadets, such as Merlin Dupont, often look to the fighting troops with reverence.

"Troops need more support," Dupont said. "The country is not giving enough support. (Soldiers) are doing their job."

He says that veterans need to be honored as people who gave their lives for us to be here.

Cadet Sohyun Song believes the program is challenging and said it gives people an opportunity to push themselves physically and academically. Song said that if a people want to be in the program, they'll do well.

Song became aware of the program last summer. When introduced to ROTC she was impressed with the people, academics and physical activities. Song is from Korea and has been in the United States for five years. She said that even though she is separated from her family, she feels welcome here. She said that instead of getting a student loan, the Army has been a great financial support when her family couldn't help 100 percent. She was surprised to find that the Army would not only pay for her dentistry schooling, but give her a salary as well.

Milton said the ROTC program is open to any administration or staff that has military affiliation, including those with children serving overseas. Milton has helped staff members locate military family members serving overseas. He reaches out to students and faculty through Freshman Connection, senior days, presidential breakfasts and by visiting various departments.

Speaking for himself and fellow officers, Milton said about duties and volunteer services, "We would not want these cadets to do something that we wouldn't be expected to do." He takes that idea seriously and applies it to his own military life.

Milton spent the first five years of his military service as enlisted before applying too OCS. He was deployed in the first Gulf War in 1990.

Accepting the fact that everyone has personal pros and cons towards war, he said "No one hates war more than soldiers." However, when the military is called upon, he said, they go willingly and gladly.

For more information on the Demon Battalion call Milton at 357-6501.

Bush confronts critics in London

By William Douglas and Andrea Gerlin
KRT Campus

LONDON — Looking beyond his British hosts, President Bush challenged Europe on Wednesday to embrace his vision of spreading democracy around the globe and reshaping the Middle East.

On a pomp-filled, protest-laden first day of a three-day state visit, Bush forcefully confronted critics of his handling of Iraq and the war on terrorism, warning them that inactivity and complacency could spur more terrorist attacks.

"The hope that danger has passed is comforting, is understanding, and it is false," Bush said before 220 academics at Banqueting House.

"There are principled objections to the use of force in every generation, and I credit the motives behind these views," Bush said, adding: "Those in authority, however, are not judged only by good motivations. The people have given us the duty to defend them. And that duty sometimes requires violent restraint of violent men."

The president said Europe needs to confront the world's dangers through a "three-pillar" strategy of working through such international institutions as the United Nations, being willing to use force to stamp out "aggression and evil" and dedicating itself to spreading democracy to prevent the rise of dictatorships such as that of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Bush said democracy is also the key to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The decades-old battle will never be resolved, the president said, until there is a democratic Palestinian state bordering Israel.

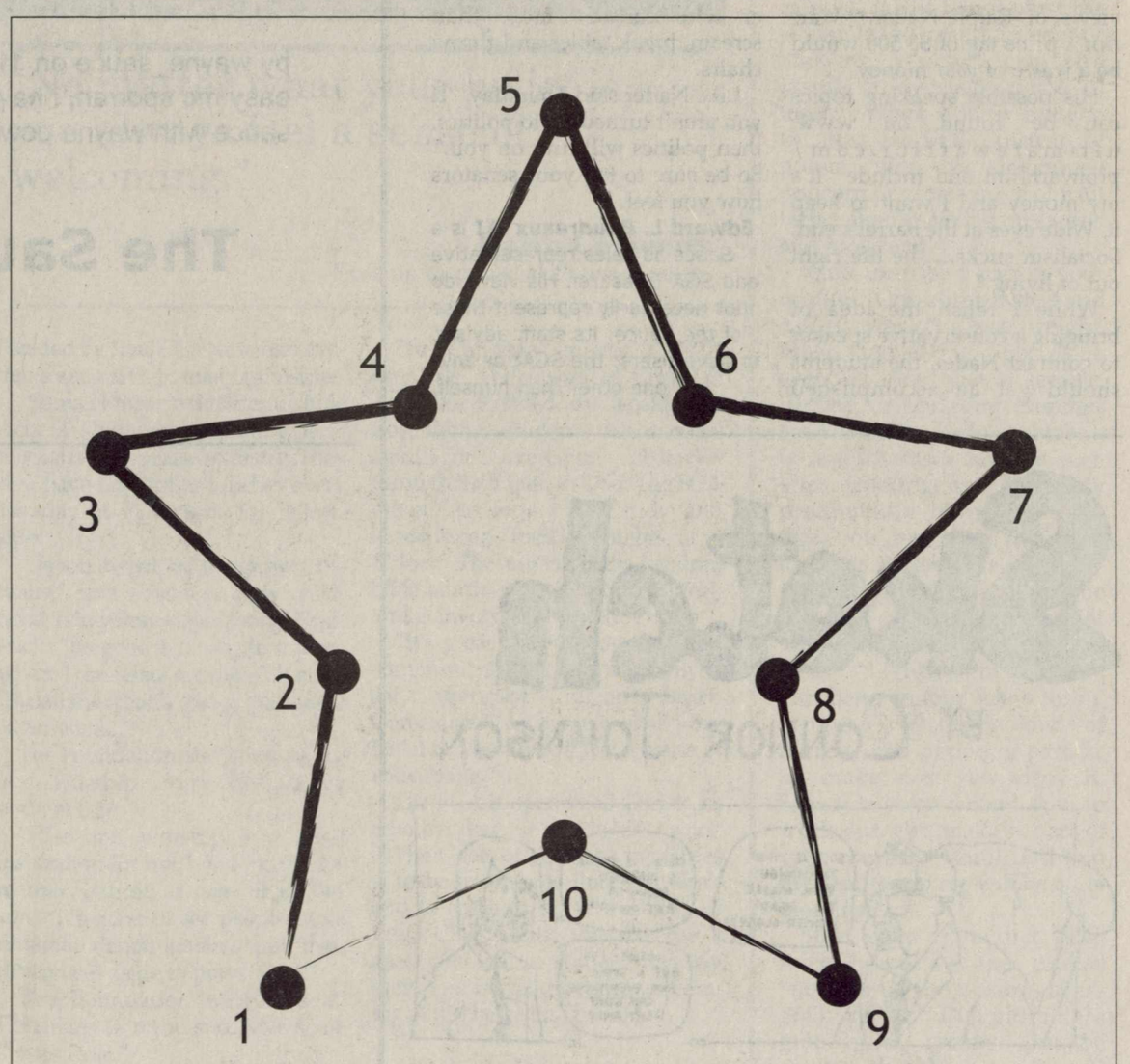
To achieve that goal, Bush said Europe must combat anti-Semitism and end its political and financial support of "any Palestinian ruler who fails his people and betrays their cause," a veiled reference to Yasser Arafat.

Bush reiterated his call for Israel to freeze construction of settlements, dismantle all unauthorized outposts and "not prejudice final negotiations" with construction of a security fence that would separate the Jewish state from Palestinian territory.

The fence has outraged Palestinians, who claim it will infringe upon Palestinian lands.

Bush spoke after an elaborate arrival ceremony at Buckingham Palace that was heavy on pageantry and light on spectators. Londoners, warned for weeks about protests and massive security around the area, stayed away.

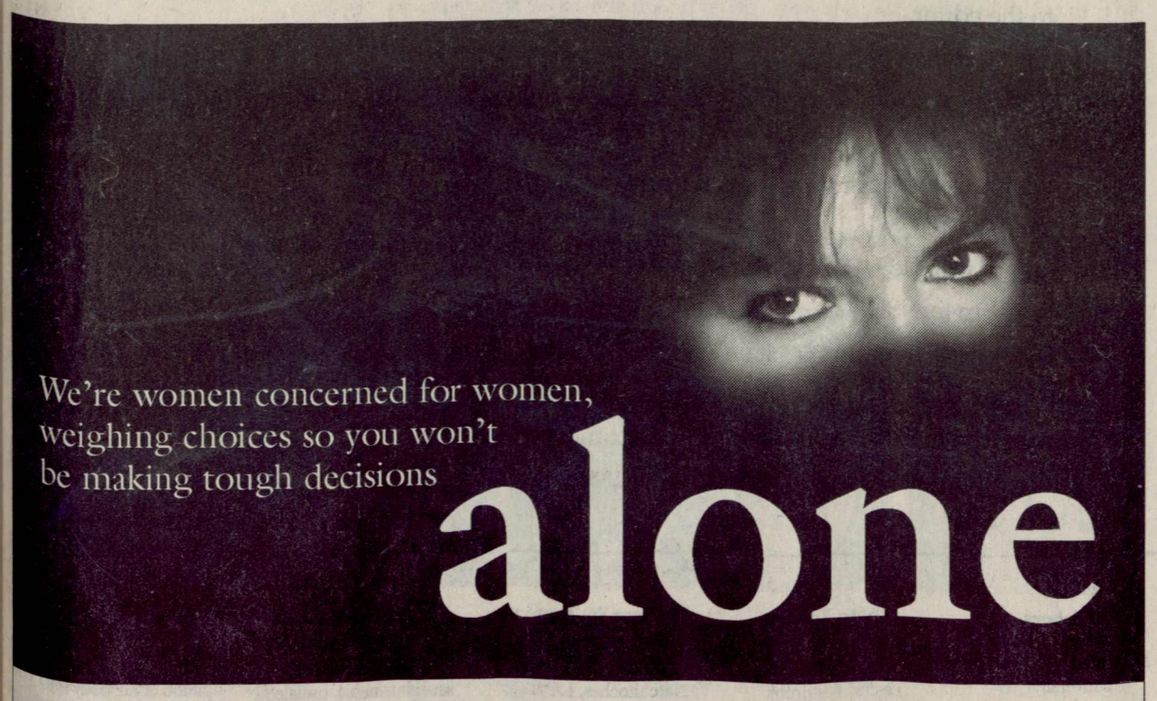
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Column

Warrior a waste of student money

By Edward L. Boudreaux III

Two weeks ago, former presidential candidate Ralph Nader returned to NSU to speak to students for more than three hours.

Nader gave a prepared speech for two hours that ranged from his fight to ban smoking on airplanes to having uniform standards on natural gas pipelines.

In 1965 a gas pipeline exploded near Natchitoches, killing 17 people. Out of the ashes of this tragedy, Nader said he was able to secure the National Gas Pipeline Safety Act in 1968 because he showed members of Congress pictures of the carnage.

After the speech Nader fielded questions for more than an hour, dropping the hourly cost of his speech from $15,000 to about $5,000. That's a steal for students.

Nader was the third speaker to come to NSU since the Distinguished Lecturer Series was revitalized three years ago. The first to come was Herman Boone, who was the head football coach of an integrated high school in Virginia in 1971. Disney made the movie Remember the Titans about his experiences as head coach. The second was motivational speaker Dr. Rick Rigsby from Texas A&M University.

NSU has a begun a remarkable tradition of bringing in nationally well-known speakers that should not end with Nader.

Some members of the SGA want to bring in the Warrior in an attempt to "balance out" the views of Ralph Nader. Warrior's price tag of $3,500 would be a waste of *your* money.

His possible speaking topics can be found on www.ultimatewarrior.com/projwarr.htm and include "It's my money and I want to keep it, Wide eyes at the barrel's end, Socialism sucks... the life right out of living."

While I relish the idea of bringing a conservative speaker to contrast Nader, the students should get an accomplished speaker, not a retired professional wrestler turned speaker. Even after reading the material Senator Dustin Floyd made available to the senate, I am unconvinced that Warrior has the credentials to be named a "distinguished speaker."

If the senate decided to forgo a speaker in the spring, it could bring in a $13,000 speaker in the fall or a $17,000 speaker in the spring of 2005. That may be a long time to wait for a well-known speaker, but if he is of the same caliber as Nader, then the wait will have been well worth it.

However, in this age of instant gratification, the senate decided to feed its impulses instead of putting the money away to have a better speaker. The senate picked a speaker that as Floyd acknowledged appeals overwhelming to males, effectively ignoring women, who make up 60% of NSU's full time undergraduate students.

I am not a big fan of wrestling and had never heard of Warrior before the issue was brought to the senate. If you are like me and would rather see our money pooled into next year to bring a more respected speaker who will appeal to more than just wrestling fans then I encourage you to tell your senators and write in to the Sauce.

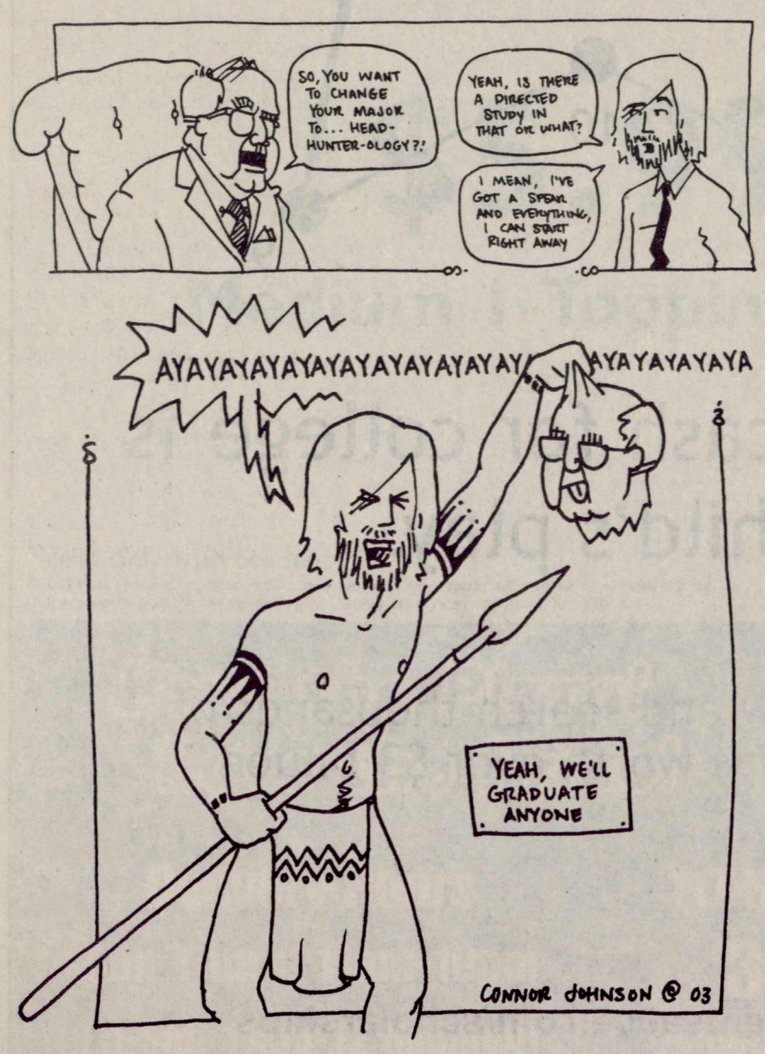
I think we need to have a speaker that, like those who have come before, have given back not to just the community but to the nation as well. We need a speaker who will challenge us to accept the status quo while being tolerant of others. In short, we need a speaker who can do more than scream, break tables and throw chairs.

Like Nader said Thursday, "If you aren't turned on to politics, then politics will turn on you." So be sure to tell your senators how you feel.

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Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



> **There is not** a more mean, stupid, dastardly, pitiful, selfish, spiteful, envious, ungrateful animal than the Public. It is the greatest of cowards, **for it is afraid of itself.**
>
> **William Hazlitt**
> British essayist

Letters to the Editor

Natchitoches Central High student says NSU students immature, irresponsible

I am Donna Sharp from Natchitoches Central High School. A school populated with over 1200 students. Some black, some white, some Chinese. You would look at our school and say we are very diverse. Just like NSU. But a big difference from our diversities is that we're only teenagers. We're the ones that are supposed to be labeled as the ones that "don't know any better." But nine times out of ten, NSU is actually the ones that aren't that mature. Granted we do have "security" around our school to make sure that we don't do anything to bad. And we do have students that write profane things on the bathroom stalls, but nothing like what goes on over at NSU. When are you college students going to look at yourself and say grow up? You're in college people. You're paying over $5000 each semester to get an education, not to party like you've lost your minds. Now, granted, since you are in college and you are away from your parents you finally get to find time to "do what you want", but is this doing what you want thing worth getting you kicked out of college, or having some federal funding taken away because you didn't know how to behave and take care of things. Nearly every year, you get about $14 MILLION in grants and federal funding. FOURTEEN MILLION!!! Even us high school students take everything that we have for granted sometimes, but we do know that we have these things strictly because we take care of them. And we usually don't get over $5000. Don't you think that we should get a little extra? I say if it takes tearing everything up to get this money, and then why not tear the whole school down. We don't smash down doors, or pea all over the walls. We don't threaten students then ride by their places late at night actually watching them. Society is blaming us, the high school students, for all the crap that ya'll are doing. We're the ones that are being labeled immature, and having it stick, because ya'll aren't mature enough to step up and say "Hey, wait that was our fault. Our party did get a little to rowdy." Why must the older students who are paying an arm and a leg to actually go to school be the reason why our state is going into debt due to the funding? Grow-up NSU students. Take responsibility, get your education and be something powerful to the world. Be a leader from now on instead of a follower. Get your money worth and use the money from the state wisely, meaning use it to your advantage. And feel free to email me any thoughts. Teasing_cowgirl2002@yahoo.com. Sorry for being harsh, but something needed to be said.

Donna Sharp
Natchitoches Central High School

The Sauce would like to highlight student participation in the *currentsauce.com* forum debate about Ralph Nader by printing the full text of all Message Board entries posted between November 13 and November 20:

by wayne_sauce on 11/16/03 @ 8:04 PM EST
easy mc sporran, i have discovered that the sauce of barry baldness is excessive consumption of tony sauce with wayne powder topping. onion burgers

The Sauce thanks wayne_sauce for his (or her) astute insight.

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Theater review

'Rimers of Eldritch' leaves mixed emotions

★★★ (out of five)

By Christal Navarre
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In the sleepy little town of Eldritch, Mo., a hideous crime is about to shake the very foundations it was built on.

In the late 1950s, Eldritch is practically a ghost town. The shops have long closed up, the adults sit around and gossip, and the children either play in the woods or go to the neighboring towns and cities to have fun. It is a peaceful and religious community where everyone knows everybody else, and crime is something that happens in far off cities. Then, one evening, everything changes as one little girl is raped and an old man is killed.

The play was an interesting story that keeps the audience in a state of confusion with its various convoluted time frames and scenes. As the play opens, soft music accompanies each character as they individually and silently walk to their prospective spots and remain still until all characters are on the set and the dialogue begins. From here you get a part a scene here, a bit of conversation there, and large gaps until the last 20 minutes or so of the play, where scenes are partially replayed and the whole story finally comes together.

It was a masterful and original way to tell a story, if somewhat hard to follow at times. The play also had interesting and innovative lighting and audio effects. I especially loved how the gunshot and death of Skelly (Dezmond Meeks) was done. It was very effective and riveting.

For the most part the actors portrayed their characters nicely and executed the stage direction punctually, but at best the play was mediocre. It was hard to become emotionally attached and involved with most of the characters, a majority of which remained two-dimensional. There were a few exceptions, without which the play would not have been enjoyable at all. First there is Mary (Zari Cain-Akbar), the oldest in the story who also plays the role of prophetess, dreaming and warning of the tragic crime that would soon take place. She is endearing and caring, and Akbar was able to play an old woman beautifully while still giving her a vitality that many of the characters lacked.

■ See **Rimers**, page 6

What's Current?

Christmas Festival wristbands now on sale

The 77th Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 6 in downtown Natchitoches.

Tickets can be purchased on Festival Day for $5 for adults and $2 for children ages 6-11.

Adult tickets will be pre-sold for $4 each, and children's tickets will be sold for $2 each for children ages 6-11. No admission will be charged to children under 6 years old.

Wristbands can be purchased at the Natcitoches Area Chamber of Commerce at 550 Second St.

For additional ticket information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 318-352-6894. For complete schedule of festival events, visit www.christmasfestival.com.

Christmas lights to be turned on Nov. 25

The City of Natchitoches is scheduled to turn lights on at 6 p.m. on the Fleur de Lis Stage downtown.

A fireworks show will be held during the ceremony. The public is invited to attend this event.



Chris Reich/the *Current Sauce*

Top: Rev. Bill Collins, minister for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), gets advice from students about his upcoming vacation to Disney with his family.
Bottom: Rev. Ellis Newmann, minister for the Foundation, stands in front of a board showing the different ministries the organization provides.

Building a foundation: NSU campus ministries

By Ricky Fridrick
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Ever feel empty, or lonely? Is there boredom in campus life? Is it time to get away from the chaos? Well the answer could lie off of College avenue ore behind Turpin Stadium. Four student-organized ministries have been involved in the lives of collegiate students since the beginning of Northwester's establishment: BCM, CSO, Foundation, and FCA.

BCM, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, is a Baptist run Christian ministry is located across the University library. Headed by Rev. Bill Collins, the students are involved in several activities and events.

"It's been a lot of fun," said sophomore elementary education major Terri Davis. "It's great to see a bunch of Christians who are there just to praise God."

The BCM offers bible study and worship every Wednesday night at 8:30. They offer students Wednesday night worship in the forms of praise ministry, prayer ministry and drama.

Rev. Bill Collins, campus minister at the BCM, has been the campus minster for fifteen years.

"We do what the University can't do, and that is to tell the love of Jesus Christ," Collins said.

"The praise and worship is spiritually refreshing," said sophomore mechanical engineering major Cory Knight.

The ministry also has lunch encounter every Thursday where students can come together and have time of fellowship. The BCM is open to all denominations and to people who are willing to have an open ear to the word of God.

The CSO, Catholic Student Organization, is located on Second Street off of College Avenue next to Burger Bees. Headed By Both Father Dan Cook and Chris "Tuck" Jennings, students are driven to be involved in multiple ministries and church activities. The ministries offered are music ministry, bible ministry, and prayer ministry. Being a Catholic run ministry, the CSO teacher of the apostolic tradition and the sacred scriptures.

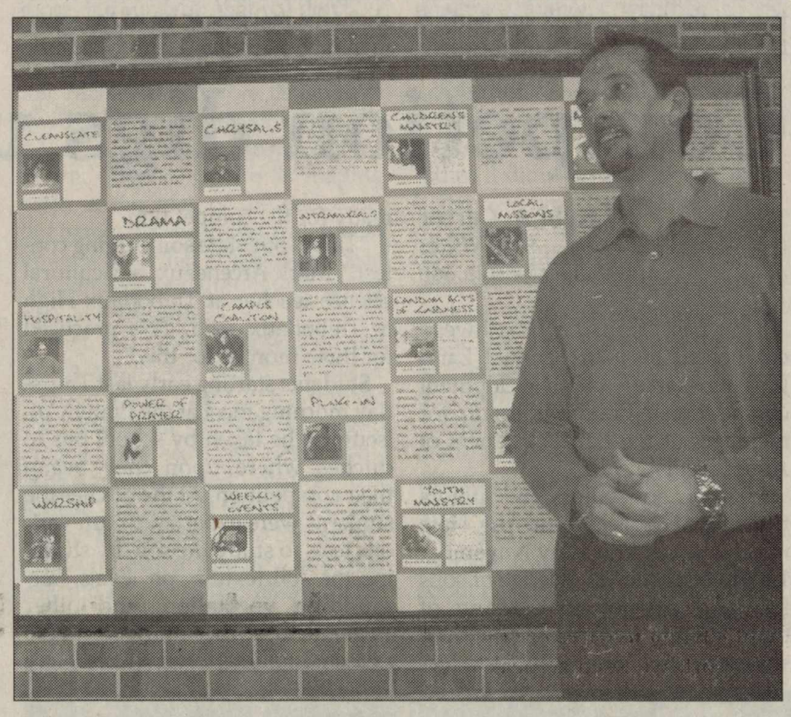
"The CSO has helped me grow tremendously in wisdom and knowledge," said freshman graphics design major Dustin Dauzat.

The CSO is open 24 hours everyday offering fellowship and spiritual guidance to all students.

"It's like a home away from home," said freshman general studies major Cole Churchman. "You always get a sense of a loving Christian family."

The ministry has free food and free worship every Wednesday at 6 pm, bible study every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm, daily rosary at 9 pm, and daily mass at 5:15 p.m. The church is open to all denominations and faiths.

Foundation, and interdenominational Christian ministry is located between Magee's and the Ink Spot.



> "No matter what your belief is, you always feel a sense of welcoming."
>
> **Dawn Comeaux**
> Freshman physical therapy major

Headed by Rev. Ellis Newman, students are active in many ministries.

Some of these ministries include Acts of kindness, hospitality, local missions, and praise ministry. They also have one-dollar lunches every Tuesday at 11 o'clock for fellowship.

"Its totally helped me grow spiritually," said freshman early childhood education major Jenny Frederick. "Its good I can go to a place where I can relate my life with other Christians that's have the same experiences."

The Foundation also offers praise and worship every Wednesday night at 6:30.

"Rise and worship is a great inspiration for me," said junior elementary education major Shad Gatson. "It's great to see people of all different denominations put their differences aside to praise God."

The Foundation welcomes all Christians to come and have some "Jesus Time."

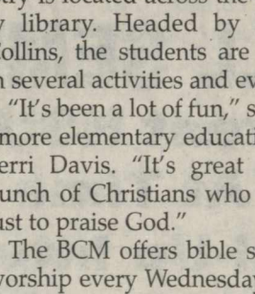
The Christian athletes at NSU run FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Headed by Jerald and Rose Long, students are encouraged to overcome obstacles through their faith in God. The FCA offers free food bible study and worship on Tuesday nights at 6 o'clock. The ministry has random bible studies throughout the week and is involved in athletic events.

"It's great to come together as a community," said freshman physical therapist major Dawn Comeaux. "No matter what your belief is, you always feel a sense of welcoming."

The FCA is open to all Christians whether they are in athletics or not.

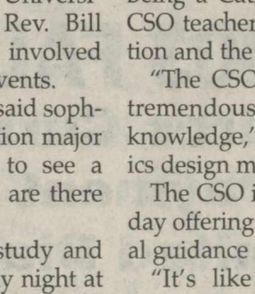
The Goals of all of the ministries is to help students find their faith and to come to know the truth of Jesus Christ. Each ministry has a great amount of student involvement and is still growing, welcoming all to the calling of God.

What won't six NSU students eat on turkey day?



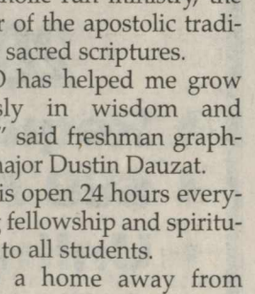
Ashley Crawford
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"Okra. Eating okra is like eating eyeballs. I know."



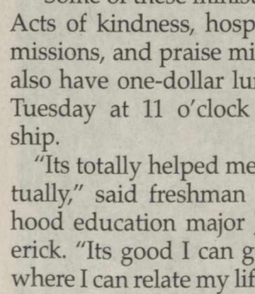
Sarah Ferstel
Classification: Senior
Major: Anthropology

"Green bean casserole. It reminds me of snot."



Kimberly Eppler
Classification: Junior
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"Cranberry sauce. My family always buys the canned stuff, and it's too much like a jelly mold for me to be comfortable with."



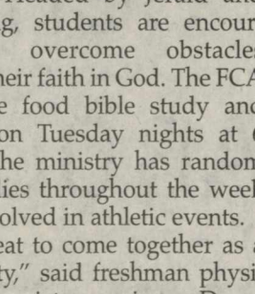
Ben Hale
Classification: Sophomore
Major: English

"That green fluffy stuff. It looks bad, it smells bad, and it tastes bad."



Robert Braun
Classification: Freshman
Major: Anthropology

"Brussel sprouts, because miniature cabbage sucks."



Adam Carter
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Broadcast Journalism

"Yams. Stuffing is better."



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Getting Fit for the Holidays

The holiday season draws near and those lovely events, dinners and parties call for the perfect bodies to compliment those perfect outfits.

If you're looking to lose a few pounds before the holidays, remember to shed those pounds the right way. Losing weight should be advantageous and healthy to your lifestyle, whether you're dropping 10 pounds or 100 pounds. Keep the following hints in mind…

Begin maintaining a healthy diet. When trying to lose weight, it's important to eat a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacking lightly in between. Eating the right amounts and the right kinds of food will provide your body with energy. Cut back on foods that contain large amounts of carbohydrates and fats. Also, coke products contain empty calories that can hinder weight loss. Instead of drinking soda, splurge for juices and water. You'd be amazed at the results you can receive from drinking water throughout the day. Be conscious about the things you eat-- not only to lose weight, but for long-term health goals as well.

Don't starve yourself. Not eating is just as bad as eating too much. Depriving your body of the daily calories it needs may cause health problems, and it is ineffective. Your body requires healthy calories to function and without those calories, it (the body) must use stored fat to maintain energy. Starving yourself can also result in overindulgence of food. When you're hungry, eat, just eat well. Instead of potato chips, try air-popped popcorn or grab a piece of fruit rather than snacking on sweets and junk food.

Make exercise a part of your routine. One of the fastest and easiest ways to lose weight, other than eating right, is to exercise. Any type of aerobic, firming or sculpting exercises are ideal. The body's metabolic rate increases because even after working out, the body continuously burns fat. The type of exercise preferred depends on the person. A 30-minute jog or walk can be relaxing. An aerobics class or video might be enjoyable as well. Lightweight training also helps to tone when losing weight. Whatever kind of exercise you decide to partake in, make sure you enjoy it. Schedule a convenient time to work out, and make it part of your routine. You'll find that the results you see will be quite pleasing.

Stay away from diet pills. Ever heard of the phrase "nothing in life comes easy?" Well, it's true. Diet pills might give quick results, but be assured that those results will not last long. Also, diet pills can be extremely dangerous and addictive. Keep in mind that once you stop taking the pills (it's advised to stop after 12 weeks), it's easy to resort to old eating habits that may have caused you to diet in the first place! Lose weight the right way.

Enjoy the holiday season. Even if you are watching your weight, it's still possible to enjoy the wonderful dishes provided during the holidays. Eat what you want, just in proportion. Instead of going back for seconds, eat sensibly the first time around. You don't have to gain weight just because you're surrounded by fantastic food.

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Falling into a Frenzy

On Nov. 17, sophomore Tri Sigs Eva Sterling (left) and Jessica Lee try out summo wrestling with help from a sumo referee during Fall Frenzy. This event was held in front of the student union and was sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

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There was also Patsy (Beth Boudreaux), the whiny, snobby, brat of the community. She is the kind of character you just want to slap... really hard and many times. Boudreaux had her character down to even the type of walk and perfect facial expressions one would expect to see on the face of such a character. Finally there is Skelly (Dezmond Meeks), the old man who is killed on the night of Eva's (Jeunee Fryer) rape as he tries to stop it. Meeks portrays an old, wise man, who knows more about the real goings on of the town than anyone else likes to admit. Because he knows and tells the truths of the town and its people he is ostracized and considered a menace. Meeks was the best performance of the night.

"The Rimers of Eldritch" will hold its last performance Friday night at 7:30 in Theatre West.

Some people will try almost anything to set a world record

By Jack Broom
KRT Campus

You can't always see it, but it's there. Deep within the human spirit lies the passion to succeed, the desire to stand out, the overwhelming urge to:

-Eat 27 meatballs in a minute;

-Ride backward on a motorcycle at more than 124 miles an hour;

-Throw a Frisbee-style disc 820 feet.

Chances are you personally haven't done any of these. But, thank Guinness, some people did. Those feats, all performed last year, are among the more than 3,000 records listed in the recently published "Guinness World Records 2004."

The 288-page book covers a wide range of scientific, natural and engineering extremes: Largest mammal to build a nest is the 385-pound European wild boar; oldest known disease, leprosy, was described as early as 1350 B.C.; and the longest floating bridge span is Washington state's 1.42-mile Evergreen Point Bridge (although the book refers to it as the second Lake Washington Bridge).

But the records that capture headlines and the public imagination most frequently are the ones in which seemingly normal individuals, alone or in groups, take on a task they hope will etch their names in global history.

Hungarian Szabolcs Borsay set a Guinness world record by reaching a speed of 124.725 mph riding backward on his motorcycle on July 2, 2002.

"What we love are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. They're wonderful people with a lot of heart," said Stuart Claxton, 32, a British-born New Yorker and a researcher for the Guinness organization.

Claxton holds no world record, but it's safe to say he has one of the world's most unusual jobs.

As a researcher for Guinness, he rode in a helicopter above a Mexico City park in October 2000 to photograph 10,004 people playing chess. Last year, he measured a 4,016-pound cherry lollipop (that's more than 6.8 million calories) in Ontario, Canada. This year, he braved a rainstorm in New York to see 632 hearty souls come within 14 people of breaking the record for the world's largest pillow fight.

And this month, he expected to attend the unveiling of the world's largest book, 42 inches by 62 inches when closed, at a New York public library. Inside: photographs of the tiny Himalayan country of Bhutan.

Fortunately for Claxton, he didn't personally inspect either the world's largest removed tumor (303 pounds) or the world's oldest vomit (160 million years and counting.) Those happy tasks fell to other Guinness staffers.

Competion digs up the dirt in soil contest

By Kyle A. Carter
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This past Thursday Northwestern hosted the 42nd annual Land Judging Career and Development competition in Prather Coliseum for members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club.

High school seniors and juniors from 75 schools around the state meet this past Thursday November 13th to test their knowledge of soils for land development. Many of these schools have preparing their students for a few months to get ready for the competition.

"This is our state soil judging contest," Mark Arceneaux, agricultural science teacher at Thibodaux High in Thibodaux, said, "We practiced for three months for this."

Students starting early last Thursday morning meet at the Prater Coliseum to be taken by school bus to ditches where upon they began their competition. At the ditches the students were expected to run various tests to study the soil. By studying the soil texture, ph levels, surrounding vegetation, and other such factors the students were expected to determine which if any crops could be grown and how. Each test had to be done by hand. The overall goal of the competition was for the students to decide which is the best crop for the soil they studied.

"They are trying to get an area of land to grow the best crops they can," Marie Trahan, agricultural science teacher at Acadiana High in Lafayette, said.

The FFA Land Judging Career Development competition is the biggest event for students involved. The competition gives the students a chance to visit universities around the state as well as develop their skills in land development studies.

The top five teams at the competition not only received awards in the form of trophies and plaques but also got a chance to compete in the nation wide competition held in Oklahoma City. As well these students were also given a chance to see the city of Natchitoches and explore the Northwestern campus. This chance many of the students may never have had.

"A lot of them [students] never left the town of Thibodaux," Arceneaux said.

Through getting to the statewide competition, students were given a chance to visit campuses across the state and meet the faculty at the schools visited. The competition gave these students a chance to become familiar with the campus and allowed them to form ideas of where they want to go to school.

Along with the seniors and juniors in high school competing in the soil judging competition were a group of middle school students from Bunkie testing their knowledge against the high school competitors. These students took the same test and were graded on the same level as the high school competitors were.

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State 91-77. Cosby and Bennett were perfect from 3-point range going nine for nine and Dobin chipped in 17 assists in the exhibition win.

"This is a very difficult pre-conference schedule coming up," Smith said.

The easy schedule is over for the Lady Demons as the regular season kicks off this weekend at the DePaul's Moran Realty Classic Tournament against Ball State. Ball State earned a Women's NIT bid last season.

Other tough pre-conference games include NCAA participant Arkansas followed by Final Four participant Duke, and WNIT champion Auburn will highlight the pre-conference schedule for the Lady Demons.

"It is going to be a great opportunity for us playing Duke, but you gotta have fun during that game," Cosby said.

NSU opens up regular season home games against Texas A&M Commerce on Nov. 29. The Lady Demons will have 14 total home games. NSU will also have a 16-game league schedule to go along with the tough pre-conference schedule.

"I think it is a good schedule and it will get us prepared for conference play," Dobin said. "In order to win the conference we have to play good people. Good teams make good teams."

Cosby and Dobin said that the Lady Demons' goal for the season is to win the Southland Conference Title.

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and tell them, 'It's going to be okay.'"

Because of that mindset, Evans is not the only Super Bowl attendee that Foster has know. Super Bowl victor Gary Reasons and United States Football League champion quarterback Bobby Hebert are two of the six champions that were graced by a relationship with Foster.

Foster said the reason he makes such special bonds with these players is because he understands who they really are.

"What people have to understand is that they're not dumb jocks," Foster said. "They cry. They have deaths in their families. They are just normal people."

This mindset is what has set Foster in the sights of many professional scouts. Foster gets many calls and visits from NFL scouts, who know him as Thomas, about players they are looking after.

"The same scouts come here year after year," Foster said. "The coaches tell them what they need to know about the players ability, but they come to me about their character because I know them outside of football."

His knowledge of scouting could easily get Foster a job as a scout at the professional or collegiate levels, but he said that he is not interested.

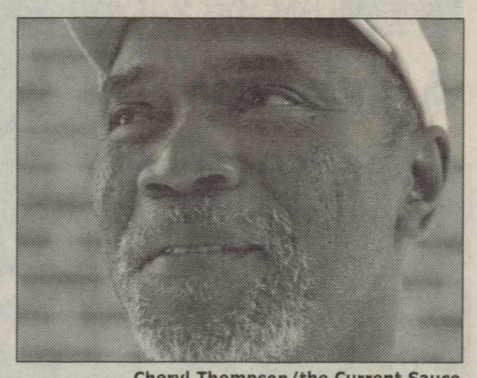
"Kids, kids," Foster stated passionately. "Once you see them grow up and mature, it makes you proud to see them walk out on the field on Senior Day and then go on to face life."

"There is a feeling of relief that they have finished four years of college and are going on to face the world and be successful," Foster added.

This is what Foster called the most rewarding part of it all. He said he loves to visit with old players who return for homecoming games. After years, they still remember Mr. Foster and take time to catch up with him.

"It makes you feel kind of special because you live and die at Northwestern," Foster said.

Foster may never leave NSU, and may be here still when this year's seniors visit. He may not be known much outside of the athletic department, but one thing is sure, long after he is gone, the spirit of Thomas Foster will never leave NSU.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Thomas Foster smiles thinking of NSU.

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each had their lowest point totals of the season.

"We played really well on the defensive line, as a group, probably the best we've played this year. The cornerbacks played well and we didn't allow them too much time to set up and throw," said Stoker.

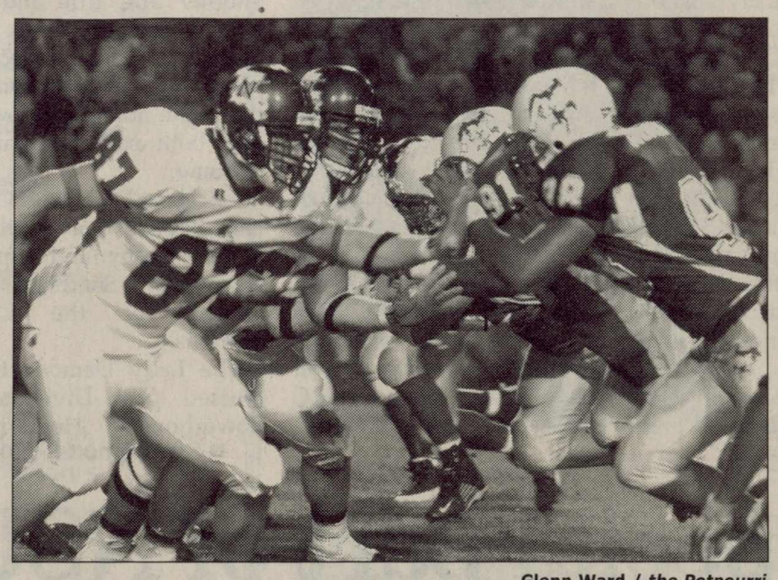
Coming up empty on the two goalline situations did in the Demons, he said.

"We've got to get the ball into the end zone. Nine points is unacceptable any time, but especially when you gain 345 yards. Three times, we're first-and-goal and we only netted three points from those situations.

We must convert those situations into points in a big game against a quality team and we left too many points out there," he said.

The Demons, at times, were their own worst enemies near the goalline. A combination of bad luck and missteps, along with a tough McNeese defense, led to Northwestern falling short.

In the second quarter tied 3-3, NSU got first-and-goal at the McNeese 2 when Zeigler made a leaping catch on a 32-yard Vinson pass.



Glenn Ward / *the Potpourri*
The Demon offensive line prepares to defend the rush from the McNeese Cowboy defense.

The Demons appeared headed for a touchdown on third down when Vinson looped a pass to Johnese in the right flat, but Johnese lost his balance at the 2 while twisting after catching the ball and fell without a defensive player within 10 yards. Kicking from the right hashmarks, Tommy Hebert was narrowly wide right on a 19-yard field goal try a play later.

"We missed a cut on first down and they made a good tackle to keep us from scoring. Then on second down we got a tough penalty for illegal motion that backed us up to the six. From there, McNeese did a good job of putting heat on Davon and he rushed a throw and missed the guy we had getting open. On third down, Davon got the ball to Derrick and he slipped like he hit a patch of ice and went down without anybody around. That was unbelievable. Then we miss the field goal. Tough angle, but you have to make those kicks. We've got five plays to score, and on three of those, it's our fault that we don't."

On the Demons' last chance, after moving 63 yards to first-and-goal at the McNeese 5, more frustration awaited. A near miss came again on a Vinson-to-Johnese throw on third down. Johnese made a leaping catch at the back of the end zone, but barely missed dragging a foot in bounds for what could have been the winning touchdown with under four minutes left.

Then went the wrong way on first down when we called an inside handoff to the fullback. If we make the handoff the fullback is going to walk in and score. McNeese gambled and guessed wrong, but instead, we missed the handoff and Davon had to throw the ball away.

Second down, I made a bad play call and McNeese was all over it for a three-yard loss. Third down, we're just so close, 3-4 inches away, from getting a foot dragged inside the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown on a great catch. Fourth down, we executed poorly and didn't give ourselves a chance to make a play on a pass from the 8.

"Games come down to a handful of plays and who gets the breaks and who makes the breaks. In those goalline situations, whether it was bad luck, bad execution on our part or good defense by McNeese, they got the lion's share and they walked away the winners. If one play goes the other way, we feel a lot better today. It didn't, and we've got to be better next time," said Stoker.

"Last year up here, they beat us 27-3 and although we competed well, you could tell there was a difference. We got to the playoffs and went out in the first round, and McNeese played in the national championship game.

This year I think showed we've made some progress, that the gap is closing, to go down there and be a goalline play away from winning with such a young but obviously talented team. It gets me excited about the future, if I stop being frustrated about coming up short at Cowboy Stadium Saturday night."

Northwestern wraps up the season at home Saturday afternoon at 3 against Stephen F. Austin (6-4), which can clinch a share of the conference title with a win.



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce
The Demons will battle for Chief Caddo, the largest trophy in college football, on Saturday against heated rival Stephen F. Austin.

Demon volleyball & men's basketball lose, Lady Demons' basketball wins

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NSU vs. Henderson State

Steve Parillon scored 23 points and Kevin Schifferer added 20 points and 17 rebounds Thursday night as Henderson State, which reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight last season, held off a Northwestern State rally and pulled away for an 81-70 exhibition basketball victory.

The Reddies, 30-5 last year, are picked to win their fifth Gulf States Conference championship in six years. They used a closing 8-1 burst in the final 2:16 to open a 43-31 halftime lead. The Demons roared back from a 15-point deficit early after the break to go up 55-51 with 9:57 left, but Henderson State ran off eight unanswered points over the next 1:27 and never trailed again.

The Demons were within 70-68 with 3:07 to go, but the Reddies got two offensive rebounds and a three-point basket by Parillon to trigger a closing run of 14 points down the stretch.

Northwestern had four players scoring in double figures, led by sophomore forward Clifton Lee with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Last year's Southland Conference Freshman of the Year, Jermaine Wallace, scored 12 points, as did true freshman forward Demetrius Bell. Another first-year player, Tramaine Hancock, had 10 points.

Henderson State outrebounded NSU 52-39, getting 19 offensive rebounds. After hitting better than 50 percent in an easy exhibition win last week over Ouachita Baptist, the Demons made just 38 percent of their shots and only 5 of 19 three-point tries.

Northwestern makes its regular season debut next Friday night at Oklahoma State and visits Tulsa next Saturday night.

Lady Demons vs. Henderson State

Sinking all nine of their three-point shots, Diamond Cosby scored 23 points and Amanda Bennett added 18 while All-American candidate La'Terrica Dobin had 17 assists Thursday night as Northwestern State cruised to a 91-77 exhibition basketball win over Division II power Henderson State.

The Lady Demons had 13 players score in their second exhibition victory over a Division II foe. Northwestern, 17-11 last season, opens the regular season next Friday night against Ball State in the Moran Realty Classic hosted by DePaul, with a second-round game next Saturday against either DePaul or Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Northwestern got 10 points apiece by Katrina Swanigan and Beth Tallant while hitting 48 percent of its shots, including 51 percent after taking a 42-33 halftime lead.

Dobin, a 5-3 senior point guard who can become the first woman in NCAA history to lead Division I in assists in three straight seasons, also added a team-high seven rebounds and scored six points. Cosby hit all six of her 3-point shots while sinking 8 of 12 shots overall and Bennett went 3-for-3 on treys and made 7 of 11 overall.

Aesha Carter scored a game-high 26 points and added a game-best 11 rebounds for the Lady Reddies, who won 20 games and reached the NCAA Division II Tournament last season.

Maggie Sauls added 18, Crystal Oates 13 points and 10 rebounds and Rochelle Vance had 12 points for Henderson State, which upset NSU in a regular-season matchup 73-68 last year, snapping a 22-game Lady Demon homecourt win streak that ranked second in Division I.

All 15 of Northwestern's players got in at least five minutes of action. Cosby drained a three-pointer on the opening possession of the second half and NSU's lead never dipped under double digits again.

NSU vs. Southeastern (Volleyball)

The Northwestern State Lady Demon volleyball team closed out their season Saturday by dropping a 3-0 decision to Southeastern Louisiana in Southland Conference volleyball action.

Evelyn Getzen led the team with 14 kills followed by a 13 kill performance by Becky David as the Lady Demons, 11-22 overall and 5-15 in conference play, ended the season with five straight losses including 10-consecutive league matches. Getzen also led the team with 21 digs.

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SPORTS



Patrick West
The Way I See It

A wacky weekend

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I have one word for the McNeese State Cowboys after watching them this past weekend: overrated. Even the Cowboys' faithful fans told us they thought their team was a little over hyped.

NSU did everything right on Saturday. Well, almost. The Demons out gained the Cowboys in total yards 345 to 272 but could not put points on the scoreboard. NSU had three first and goal opportunities but could only muster three points, making them one and three on the game.

The worst feeling was watching a wide-open Derrick Johnese catch a lobbed pass from quarterback Davon Vinson but fall untouched on the two-yard line. No one was around Johnese for at least a couple of yards! Derrick could have strolled into the end zone, but instead Tommy Hebert had to attempt a 20-yard field goal, and he missed.

No problem though, the Demons just wasted a 63-yard drive down to the six-yard line with nothing to show for it. NSU finally took the lead in the third quarter on a flea flicker.

Vinson handed off to Johnese and then pitched backwards to Vinson. Vinson then hit a streaking Derrick Doyle for a 40-yard touchdown. Oh, those tricky Demons.

All of a sudden, the Demons have momentum, and I was starting to believe we could pull off the upset, but wait! Tommy Hebert missed the extra point, snapping a school-record streak of 36-straight successful kicks. In the span of just a few minutes, the fans went from feeling happy to let down after the missed kick.

After the Cowboys regained the lead in the fourth quarter, NSU drived down the length of the field to win the game, but will the missed extra point bite us?

Those tricky Demons were at it again, attempting a tailback option pass on the drive that fell incomplete.

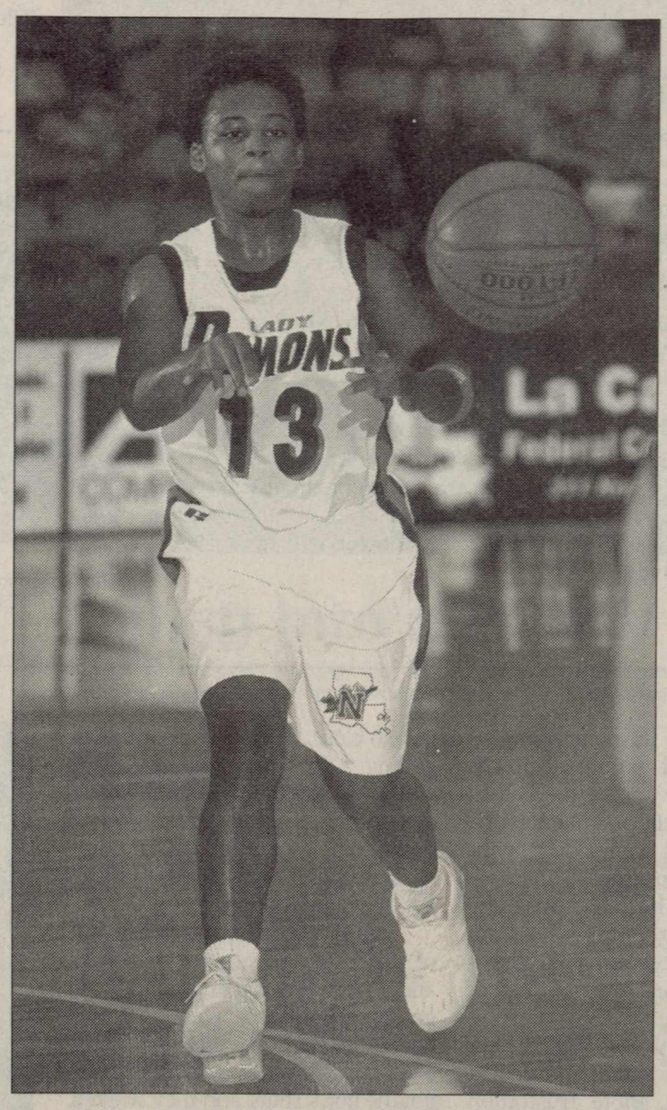
The Demons made it to the Cowboys five-yard line, but just could not get into the end zone in four plays. If NSU had made the extra point, they would have tied the game and sent it into the thrilling shootout that is overtime.

I give five stars to the Purple Swarm Defense. They alone kept the Demons in the game by shutting down the explosive Cowboy offense.

Demon fans saw hard hit after hard hit from the Purple Swarm, even got a couple of grimaces from the crowd and sayings like, "He is going to feel that in the morning."

It was a great effort by our young team, they gave the Cowboys all they could handle. The Demons are riding high coming into the last game of the season against rival Stephen F. Austin.

I look for the Demons to keep Chief Caddo one more year and then take it back next year with the Southland Conference Title.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Services
Senior Guard La'Terrica Dobin looks to past the ball in hopes to add to her assist total. Dobin led the nation in assists for two seasons.

Lady Demons aim for conference title

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"If you work hard everyday, something good will happen," said Coach James Smith as the Lady Demons work hard in practice to avenge a first round exit in last year's Southland Conference Basketball Tournament.

Louisiana Monroe knocked the Lady Demons out of the SLC tourney 71-62 in Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons lost three key players. They are forward Jami Callais, guards Angela Davidson and Anna Means, but the team has two starters and 11 letterwinners returning this season. NSU finished 17-11 overall last season and 14-7 in the conference, finishing third.

"We are ready to start because we are bored practicing," Smith said. "A lot of unanswered questions for this team losing three starters from last year, but I feel good about this team, and it's their time to step up, and I love the way this team works."

This season, the Lady Demons were picked in the coaches and SID polls to finish in fifth place. Texas State was predicted to finish first, followed by Texas-San Antonio, Stephen F. Austin and Texas-Arlington.

Senior point guard La'Terrica Dobin, who led the nation in assists for consecutive seasons, will look to lead NSU this season. Dobin will attempt to become the first player in NCAA history to achieve the feat for a third straight season.

Dobin averaged 10.6 assists per game and 11.7 points per game last season and was selected to the SLC preseason all-conference team.

Dobin will be joined in the backcourt by junior guard Diamond Cosby. Cosby averaged 11 points per game while only playing an average of 19.1 minutes per game.

Also returning is senior forward Katrina Swanigan, junior forward Amanda Bennett and junior center Ashley Sparkman along with other letterwinners to help push NSU towards another SLC title and an NCAA automatic berth.

The Lady Demons kicked off the 2003-2004 season on the right note, easily winning both exhibition games at home.

NSU beat Division II Ouachita Baptist 70-60, in which Dobin, Cosby and sophomore guard Sheronda Bell shined for the Lady Demons.

The Lady Demons then cruised past Division II powerhouse Henderson

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Thomas Foster: a special part of NSU

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"Anything to better Northwestern," Thomas Foster said of his feeling towards his job at NSU.

The odd thing about his job dedication is that Foster is not a high profile administrator with a window office and a three-piece suit. He is a mild-mannered janitor in the NSU Athletic Field House where, for the past 22 years, he has done more than just clean house.

To understand the vast range of work Foster has undertaken, one must know how he got to this point in his career.

In 1981, Foster started as a custodian in the NSU art department. Three months into his employment, Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand allowed Foster to replace the female worker in the field house.

"We didn't think it was appropriate for her to work here," Foster said.

Since then, Foster has built a life in the field house through work relations and relationships with every person he has come into contact with.

Through the years, Foster has also acquired an amazing amount of connections, ranging from NSU coaches to NFL scouts, though perhaps his most important connections were those he made with the hearts of many athletes.

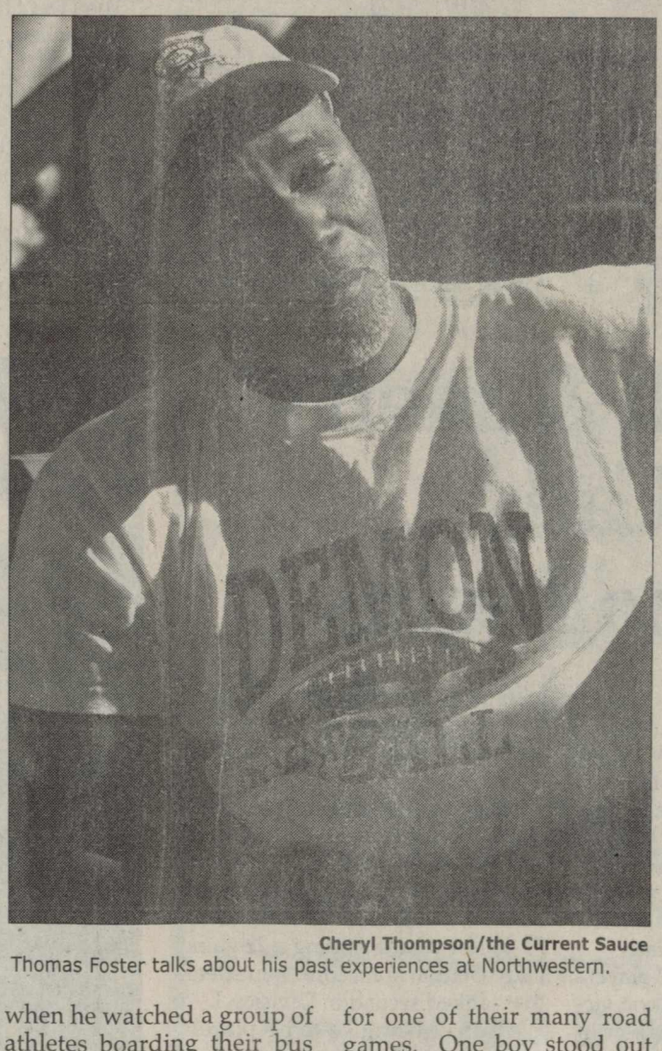
"Athletes are students, so they come first to me," Foster said, spinning off the NSU motto.

With every freshman class that enters NSU, freshman walk-on and recruited players join the Demon teams. This gives Foster a new batch of students to both get to know and help transfer into the college world.

"The coaches talk to them about football, but occasionally they need someone to ask how their parents are doing," Foster said. "I like to help them with things outside of football, like where to get a haircut, getting good deals on cars. Kind of like a father figure."

There were many times Foster helped athletes in need, but two instances stand out most in his mind.

Foster recalls a day in 1988



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Thomas Foster talks about his past experiences at Northwestern.

when he watched a group of athletes boarding their bus for one of their many road games. One boy stood out to Foster on the cold day as he stood in line for the bus without a jacket. Foster approached and offered the brand new London Fog jacket his wife had given him that Christmas to the boy.

The boy took the jacket for the road trip, but never fully realized what he had given Foster in return.

"It just feels so good to me to help out these kids, and that never goes away," Foster said.

Foster also remembers when he met an aggravated Al Evans after a tough day of freshman year football practice. Al had gotten fed up with football and threatened to quit the team and go home.

After reasoning with him, Foster convinced Evans to stay with the team and fight through practices.

"I told him, 'Stick with it and come talk to me in four years,'" Foster said. "I've got his first Super Bowl sweater at my house now."

"When they come in as freshmen, they seem like they're looking for something," Foster said. "You have to kind of catch them

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Demons come close to beating Cowboys

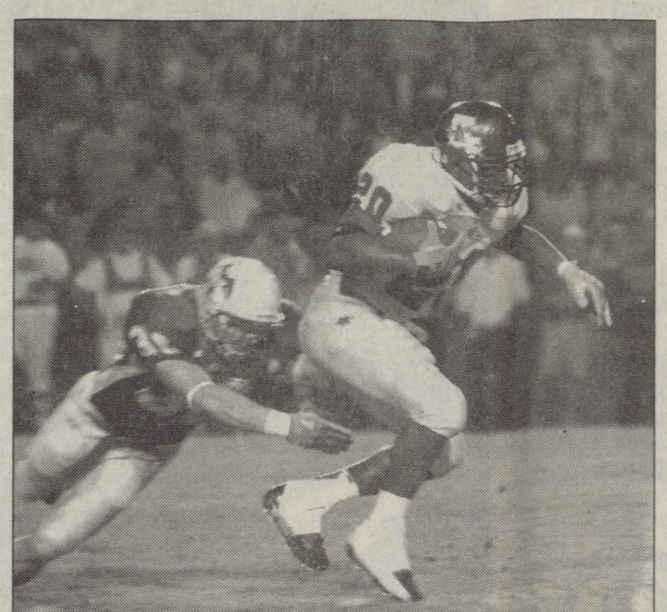
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The gap is closing, but there's still a difference that accounted for top-ranked McNeese State's veteran football team overcoming the upset bid of an inspired, young Northwestern State squad in the Cowboys' 13-9 triumph Saturday night in Lake Charles, Demons coach Scott Stoker said Sunday.

"We played well enough to win. When you watch the tape, it really hurts. But the bottom line is that McNeese made the plays they had to have to win.

That's what they've done to win three straight conference championships. We played really well defensively, and except for 3-4 plays, had a great performance against a very good offensive team. But McNeese made those 3-4 plays and in a low-scoring game, it was enough to win," he said.

The Demons' Purple Swarm lived up to its statistical rankings as the top defensive unit in the Southland Conference, holding the explosive Cowboys 23 points and 180 yards under their season averages. NSU outgained McNeese 345-272.



Glenn Ward / *the Potpourri*
Derrick Johnese runs over a Cowboy defensive player Saturday night. Johnese finished with 69 yards on 22 carries.

McNeese (9-1) staged two goalline stands, in the second and fourth quarters, holding Northwestern (6-5) scoreless on two of three first-and-goal series.

When the Demons finally broke through late in the third quarter on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Davon Vinson to Derrick Doyle, the Cowboys roared to life and answered with the eventual game-winning TD.

McNeese got a 43-yard kickoff return by Henry Smith to midfield. Vick King, who ran for 145 yards on 22 carries, converted a fourth-and-1 with a 2-yard sweep from the NSU 41. On the next play, backup quarterback Ryan Corcoran and Britt Brodhead connected on a 25-yard pass play to the Demons' 14, followed immediately by an 11-yard sweep by B.J. Sams for a first-and-goal.

On third down on the three, Corcoran found a leaping Sams for the touchdown, which proved the game-winner after the Demons failed to get points after moving 63 yards on 14 plays to first-and-goal at the McNeese 5 in the closing minutes.

"Vick is the most valuable player in the league and B.J. Sams is No. 1-A. They are playmakers of the highest degree and that showed up," said Stoker. "They're the leaders on a team full of veteran guys, with 20 seniors who have been there and done that and handle clutch situations the way you want."

But McNeese didn't have a monopoly on gutsy plays Saturday night, he said.

"We're beginning to make some plays. We did Saturday night in some clutch situations in a big game against a quality opponent on the road. Different guys all across the board rose up for us," he said. "There were plays everybody could see, the great catches by Derrick

Doyle and Toby Zeigler, the way Derrick Johnese ran, and then there were a lot of great blocks and other plays on offense that get overlooked, and hustle plays and lots of good things on the defensive end.

"In a game that everybody knew was going to be very physical, at the very least, we held our own," said Stoker. "I was proud of how we competed in that respect."

The Purple Swarm's performance started up front, he said, as Northwestern contained an explosive McNeese passing game by allowing only 89 yards in the air on 11 of 25 accuracy.

The Cowboys and Demons

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NSU Football (6-5, 1-3)
Away Game

Nov. 15, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
McNeese State
(9-1, 4-0)

NSU 9-**MSU 13**

Score by Quarters

	1	2	3	4	Final
NSU	3	0	6	0	9
MSU	3	3	0	7	**13**

Nov. 08, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Sam Houston State
(2-8, 1-3)

NSU 24-SHSU 29

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	Final
NSU	3	14	0	7	24
SHSU	7	3	0	19	**29**

Key Player:
Davon Vinson
14 of 29 for 203 & 1 TD
sophomore quarterback

NSU Volleyball
(11-22,5-15)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Evelyn Getzen
14 kills & 21 digs
Senior outside hitter

Nov. 15, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Southeastern
(15-16, 7-13)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	23	21	28	- 0
SLU	30	30	30	- **3**

Nov. 14, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Nicholls State
(15-14, 13-7)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	4	Score
NSU	20	30	28	25	-
NSU	30	28	30	30	-

Northwestern State vs.
Texas-Arlington
(16-12, 14-6)

Score by Games

	1	2	3	Score
NSU	26	17	19	- 0
UTA	30	30	30	- **3**

This Just In

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VOLLEYBALL

Augusto named to All-SLC 2nd volleyball team

Northwestern State outside hitter Priscila Augusto has been named to the 2003 All-Southland Conference volleyball second team voted on by league coaches.

Augusto, a junior from Sau Paulo, Brazil, becomes the first person in Lady Demon history to be named to one of the three all-conference teams. NSU's Christina Stone was named to the honorable mention team last season.

Making the honorable mention list this season was outside hitter Becky David.

Augusto finished second on the team with 314 kills and ranked tied for 11th in the league with a 3.24 kills per game average.

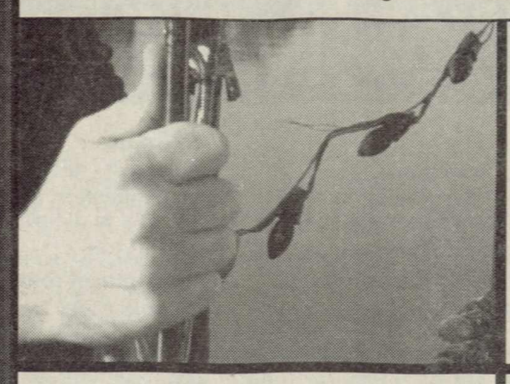
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5 p.m., Dec. 10
FINAL EXAMINATIONS END:
1:30 p.m., Dec. 17

GRADES DUE FOR CANDIDATES:
Noon, Dec. 12
ALL GRADES DUE:
Noon, Dec. 18

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Wednesday, Dec. 10
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday Night Classes

Thursday, Dec. 11
8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20
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9:30 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
3:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
Thursday Night Classes

Friday, Dec. 12
8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
8 a.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
ALL SECTIONS OF:
MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
1 p.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
ALL SECTIONS OF:
CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080

Saturday, Dec. 13
Saturday Classes: Arrange with Instructors

Monday, Dec. 15
8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
9 a.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
11 a.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
2 p.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
3 p.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
Monday Night Classes

Tuesday, Dec. 16
8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
8 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
11 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
2 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Classes
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
4 p.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
Tuesday Night Classes

Wednesday, Dec. 17
8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10 a.m. M/W and M/W/F classes
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12 p.m. M/W and M/W/F classes

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ON RACE AT NSU: Students share their experiences in campus cultural diversity — or lack thereof.



By Callie Reames
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Don Garner and Corey Becoats are NSU freshmen, African American and aware of a sense of difference between white and black people.

Garner, a nursing major, said racism is not a big problem at NSU. "But now," Garner said, "when it comes to black and white relations, you don't see a whole lot of that over here."

Garner is from Many and said growing up around many white people has made it easy to talk to them.

"The first thing I do when I get around white people is go ahead and break the ice. I come up with a black joke," Garner said. "I let them know it's alright cause if you don't say nothing, they all just kind of look at you."

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Photo by Chris Reich / *the* CURRENT SAUCE
Left and right: Students dine in groups in Iberville Hall on Wednesday.

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Putting the foot in football

Sophomore Stephen Robinson and freshman Gregory Franklin line up against Brandon Sazon in an improvised game of football — using Sazon's shoe instead of a traditional pigskin — on Tuesday afternoon outside University Columns.

NSU begins provost search

From Staff Reports

The University is seeking a Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

According to an e-mail sent out to all faculty, the position will be available on July 1. Applications must be received by Jan. 16. University President Randall Webb has selected a 10-person committee to review incoming applications. Once applications are evaluated, there will be phone interviews and then on-site interviews before the selection is made.

The e-mail said the Provost will be in charge of

■ See **Provost**, page 2

SGA ends semester with long meeting

By Elaine Broussard
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Monday, the SGA's last meeting of the semester lasted approximately two hours, and the senate discussed 10 pieces of legislation and several other pieces of business.

Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam announced that six SGA senators have received letters informing them that the senate will vote whether to remove them from office next semester. Each SGA senator is required to write at least two pieces of legislation each semester, and those senators failed to do so this semester. Those senators are Chris Faist, Craig Desoto, Jerry Whorton, John Eric Fontenot, Josh Howell, and Sara Burling. The SGA will vote on their removal during next semester's first meeting.

Also, Pulliam said that due to a paperwork error, sophomore senator John Eric Fontenot was incorrectly accused at the last meeting of not completing his required office hours. At the Nov. 17 meeting, Pulliam announced that the senate would vote this week on whether to remove Fontenot from office. Monday, Pulliam said that Fontenot had completed his office hours, and the vote would not take place. Pulliam said the error was due to poorly kept timesheets.

Also, at the Nov. 17 meeting, six pieces of legislation were tabled and placed on this week's agenda.

The first piece of legislation was a bill proposing to add a section in the SGA bylaws establishing guidelines concerning free Scantrons that the SGA provides for NSU students. The bill proposed making free Scantrons available to students one day of the school week for four hours.

Immediately, Senator Dustin Floyd moved to refer the bill to the Academic Affairs Committee for further review. His motion failed with a vote of 11 to seven, and discussion of the bill continued.

After the vote, Floyd said, "I don't believe in its current wording this is going to pass tonight. That's why I wanted to send it to academic affairs and get it reworded just so we can expedite this meeting along."

Senator Kelli Miller said that she also disapproved of the bill.

"First off all, only four hours is unrealistic," Miller said, "Because you also have nontraditional students who

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SGA accomplishments

All external legislation requires administrative approval

- **Changing Scantron giveaway times: tabled.** Sent to Academic Affairs Committee for review.
- **Securing campus entrances on holidays to combat drug trafficking: passed.** A passage that would have sealed entrances after midnight year-round was removed.
- **Prohibiting late-night loitering: passed.**
- **Optional theater department fee referendum: passed.** Students will vote on the $1 fee next semester.
- **Boozman and A.A. Fredericks storm drain repairs: passed.**
- **SGA neutral when choosing Distinguished Lecturers: passed.**
- **Rescind referendum on Rodeo Team fee: failed.** The issue may still go before students next semester.
- **Kristen Dauzat as interim editor of *the Current Sauce*: approved.**
- **Repairs to Magale Recital Hall: passed.**
- **Doors in Bossier bathrooms: passed.**
- **Repairs to Union walkway: passed.**
- **SGA senate bill deadline adjustment: passed.**

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Friday
Mostly sunny
55°/38°

Saturday
Mostly sunny
52°/32°

Sunday
Partly cloudy
55°/32°

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 20 issue, we forgot to put the rest of Kyle Shirley's story, "Fire Watchers patrol halls after inspection," in the paper. We have run that story again on page 2. Also, the story, in a very bad typo, insinuated that NSU was the only state college to be compliant with a fire code. It was, in fact, the only college to *not* be compliant.

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Fire Watchers patrol halls

By Kyle Shirley
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(Editor's note: This story did not run in full in the Nov. 20 issue. The following is the complete story.)

The State Fire Marshall has imposed a Fire Watch Program Oct. 27 for NSU's dormitories due to substandard fire detection and warning systems.

A recent fire at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, where several students were injured, prompted a state inspection of college campuses. Inspectors found that NSU's dormitories were not in accordance with revisions to the state fire code made after the fire at Tech.

The Fire Marshall cited the lack of hardwired smoke detectors in dorm rooms as well as the insufficient volume level of the fire alarms as grounds to mandate the Fire Watch Program.

Assistant Coordinator of Residential Life Shelia Gentry said NSU was the only college in the state not compliant with the code.

The program requires designated student workers to make rounds throughout all campus dormitories.

"As long as at least 10 students are in a residence hall, 24-hour Fire Watch is necessary," Gentry said. Each worker must walk the halls and kitchens of his or her assigned area and "look for smoke, smell for smoke, and look for danger," she said.

A Fire Watch worker who encounters smoke or fire must sound the alarm, warn the students on the hall and report the situation the RA. The RA then notifies the senior Area Coordinator who contacts the Housing and Fire Departments.

Fire Watch workers are paid the normal student worker wage of $5.15 per hour and are not allowed to do any other work during their hour-long Fire Watch shift. Gentry said that approximately 140 students are currently employed as Fire Watch workers, 70 of which did not already hold student jobs.

At any given time, around 30 of the workers are on duty.

The workers' opinions on the effectiveness of the program vary. "I don't think it does much good, but it is keeping the dorms open," said Valerie Broussard, a Fire Watch worker for Boozman Hall.

Candice King, a worker for Sabine Hall, said, "I think it helps. If you were the one on duty, you could pull the alarm. Most people in their rooms can't pull it."

The program will continue until either the alarms are upgraded and the smoke detectors are installed, or new dorms are built to replace the substandard ones. Work is already being done to upgrade the alarms, and the smoke detectors should be in place by the end of the summer, Gentry said.

Director of Student Services Frances Conine said that $350,000 has been allocated to fund the endeavor. There are no plans in place to install additional sprinklers in existing dorms, Conine said.

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professional development of the faculty and for providing leadership in curriculum development, distance learning, and the implementation of an enrollment management and marketing plan for the University.

Anthony Scheffler is currently the acting provost and vice president for academic affairs. He replaced Thomas A. Burns, who retired on June 30.

The e-mail said qualifications include an earned doctorate degree from a regionally accredited institution; a record of creative and scholarly achievement; successful four-year/university teaching experience; successful administrative experience at a level of dean or higher; evidence of the vision and leadership skills required in fostering an innovative environment, with emphasis upon the electronic delivery of programs, instruction, and services; and a record of accomplishment and scholarly activity that merits appointment at the rank of professor.

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NSU Police Blotter

11-17-03
6:18 p.m.
The Natchitoches Fire Department called to say they were en route to Caddo Hall, but did not give a reason why. They called at 6:19 p.m. to say that smoke had been detected. A female resident was cooking and burned food. She was advised not to cook in her room anymore.

11-18-03
10:00 a.m.
Five young men came in to the campus police station to file harassment charges against the Natchitoches Police Department. Detective Prescott was called to sit in on the making of the report.

11:27 a.m.
The Sheriff's department called to report a car on fire near the softball field. The Natchitoches Fire Department was en route.

1:14 p.m.
A woman called campus police for protection against an ex-boyfriend who hit her, stole her car, and was about to return it. No charges were pressed.

2:22 p.m.
A subject collapsed from exhaustion at the track. The Natchitoches Police and Fire Departments were en route. The subject was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

8:05 p.m.
A man came in to report a hit and run. A woman hit him with her car and yelled at him. They were unable to locate the subject.

9:35 p.m.
An R.A. called from Rapides to report an injury.

10:07 p.m.
The A.C. called from Varnado to report a man stalking a woman.

11-19-03
8:29 a.m.
A vehicle was discovered with the passenger side window broken and the passenger side door unlocked.

6:30 p.m.
A call was made from Iberville stating that a student tried to steal food by walking out the back door.

11-20-03
9:35 p.m.
A report was called regarding a large group of people drinking outside of the columns.

11-21-03
1:45 a.m.
A student called to report that her roommate was missing.

11-23-03
10:55 a.m.
A fire was reported in Apt. 613 at the University Columns. The Natchitoches Fire Department was en route. An ambulance was advised to be on standby.

3:05 p.m.
The house director from Rapides called to report a man and woman trying to break in on the second floor of the dorm.

8:50 p.m.
Apt. 217 at the Columns was broken into.

11-28-03
1:00 p.m.
Residents from Apt. 918 at the University Columns reported that they had been burglarized.

11-29-03
10:30 p.m.
The Columns called to report the door of Apt. 718 had been kicked in.

11-30-03
12:50 p.m.
An unknown NSU student from Eunice called requesting that an officer pick up a male student whom she had a warrant out on. He escaped from the Eunice Police Department. The Eunice P.D. called to confirm the story, and sent necessary paperwork to apprehend the subject.

6:18 p.m.
Columns residents called to report that their apartment had been broken into.

10:11 p.m.
A report was made on Apt. 1017 of the Columns being broken into.

12-1-03
4:23 a.m.
A student called to report a fire in the south wing on the third floor of Rapides. Smoke was in the hallways and the Natchitoches Fire Department was en route.

12-3-03
2:02 p.m.
A 10-year-old fifth grader ran away from Lilly Elementary. Officers were advised to be on the lookout for the child.

Elizabeth Bolt

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"They laugh with you every now and again, but until they know that you're a cool person like that—I think that's what kills a lot of that racism stuff. You just have to break the ice off the top," Garner said.

On Racism

Becoats said he has encountered more than the awkwardness of getting to know someone from a different race. He was inquiring about an apartment for rent recently when the woman he was speaking with appeared to doubt his ability to afford it.

"I walked in, and I asked her…I was like 'How much was the apartment and everything?' And at first she was just looking at me like, 'You can't afford that apartment," Becoats said.

"She going to ask me what's my income and everything, and I told her. She was just basically telling me I wasn't going to be able to get the apartment, and I wasn't going to be able to afford it. And it's only like 400 something dollars."

Garner told Becoats his treatment was probably a result of his appearance.

"You got your hat on backwards. You got the baggy clothes. The first thing they're thinking is criminal, gang banger. We don't need this in here," Garner said, "If they just take the time to just actually sit down and talk with one of us, you know, and get to know us before they just start judging us, then we'll be alright."

Becoats said racism is often a result of upbringing.

"There ain't no changing nobody that been raised up on something like that," Becoats said.

"You going to have racism everywhere you go. It's everywhere you go. You can't fight it," Garner said.

Since Natchitoches is a growing college town, Garner said racism issues are starting to dissipate.

"It's getting a whole lot better. This is the generation where it's going to get better," Garner said.

On Culture Shock

Brandi Guidry, a Caucasian first year nursing major, said, "You don't see people intermingling. Maybe it's because everybody just thinks they should hang out with people they know."

Guidry said that if there were organized events that focused on learning about various races, she would attend.

"I would participate because I don't like the fact that just because our parents are born in the 1960s, we have to live in their atmosphere," Guidry said. "We have to be our own person, and if we want hate to stop we got to do it ourselves, and the only way to do it is to start talking to each other."

Junior physics and pre-engineering major Irvin Osborne is African American and said that any segregation among his peers is voluntary. The word segregation does not describe Osborne's view of the way races sometimes do not interact much on campus. He said it had more to do with being comfortable with the people in a social group

"I notice it's more like self-segregation. It's not that the school is set up so that we'll all be separated. It's because that's the way we choose to be," Osborne said. "Everybody's in their comfort zone, and there's no real urgency to get out of them."

Osborne said, "Eventually you learn that as you get older you have to deal with all kinds of people. At some point in our lives we'll have to realize that we're here together."

Freshman music education major Chris Hampton, a Caucasian, echoed Osborne's opinion.

"I think there's nothing wrong with segregation in a sense because we end up segregating ourselves. You know, like white people hang out with white people just because our cultures are so much alike, and black people hang out with black people because their cultures are alike," Hampton said.

"You have to realize that black people have a different culture than white people, and Mexicans have a different culture than black and white people, and Chinese people have a different culture," Hampton said.

Hampton does not equate cultural contrasts with internal differences.

"If you were to peel the skin off of everybody in the world, we'd all look the same, except for the people with lung cancer, like me, because I smoke," Hampton said with a chuckle.

On Relationships

Some people said that differences are substantial enough to refrain from engaging in romantic relationships that cross cultural and physical lines.

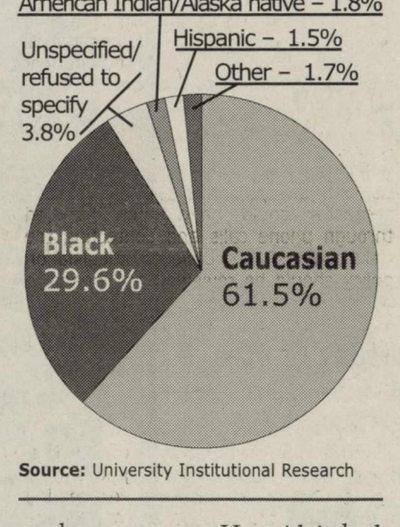
A white senior male who did not wish to be named said that interracial dating was never an accepted option for him growing up.

"We had black friends, but we were just told not to date them," he said.

"That's just how I was raised. And everybody's like, 'Why don't you date black people,' it's because that's the way I was raised."

The numbers

what students noted on applications



Source: University Institutional Research

He said he currently has too many black friends to count and doesn't consider himself racist. He views racism as going both ways.

"Everybody thinks it's a white discriminating a black, but at the same time you can have a black discriminating a white," he said.

He said some African Americans think that Caucasians owe them something because of slavery 200 years ago.

"Today, I don't think none of that stuff should be held accountable. You are who you are," he said.

Sherreta Fields, an African American freshman student majoring in health and human performance said she has had only one all black boyfriend.

"I don't look at color or, like, how you look. If you're sweet, you're nice, you know I like you; then it doesn't matter what color you are," Fields said.

Fields said she was taught that dating outside of her race was okay.

"Well, my mom, she doesn't really care. She just wants me to have a nice guy, someone that's going to do something with their life," Fields said.

On Activities

Junior radiation technology major Eddie Byrd said campus activities should be designed to appeal to both white and black people.

"None of us come from the same background so none of us are going to like the same thing. But at the same time, like for Spring Fling or Fall Fest or whatever they need to get somebody who's universal to who white people like and black people like," Byrd said.

Byrd is a member of Phi Beta Sigma, a traditionally black fraternity, and people who show up to events and shows that they host are not usually Caucasians.

"There's no harm in going to somebody's event or function. People always think that, you know, better not go. That's just for black people. I better not go. That's just 'white people,' it's for everybody," Byrd said.

This year has been different, as far as Caucasian participation.

"People usually don't come to anything that we have, but we're starting to get a lot of mixed crowds. Because there's really nothing to do and people are starting to just go check out things," Byrd said.

Byrd's fraternity is one of three National Pan-Hellenic fraternities on campus. Four sororities are also within the National Pan-Hellenic Council. These seven organizations are traditionally made up of African American members.

The other Greek organizations on campus fall into two categories: Inter-fraternity Council and Panhellenic. There are seven fraternities in IFC and four Panhellinic sororities. At NSU, these organizations are made up mostly of Caucasians.

This semester, Pan-Hellenic groups and Panhellenic sororities participated in a campus clean up event called Greek Sweep.

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maybe come Tuesdays and Thursdays, and if you put it on Mondays, they're out of the loop. You would have to do it at a time where everybody would be able to receive the Scantrons."

Approximately 10 minutes after the original vote, discussion ended, and the senate voted again whether to refer the bill to the Academic Affairs Committee for further review. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The next piece of legislation discussed by the senate was a resolution proposing to support a campus shutdown during holidays in which all campus entrances will be blocked except for the Caspari Street entrance. There, a police officer would check all entering vehicles for a hangtag and/or a student identification card. The resolution stated that the campus shutdown would help prevent non-student thieves and drug dealers from entering campus.

The original version of the resolution proposed using the roadblocks after midnight on non-holidays as well. However, the resolution's sponsor, Mindy McConnell, moved to amend the resolution, and the amendment was approved.

"I would love to keep in 'after midnight.' The reason I took it out is because people were telling me that it was way too radical," McConnell said.

However, Senator Jack Halford disagreed with taking out "after midnight."

"We just took the way of monitoring the drug-trafficking problem late at night out when we said we're not going to do this after midnight, just on holidays," Halford said. "If anybody was here on campus over the holiday, there were maybe ten people on campus. There was nobody to distribute drugs to except those few people."

Floyd said he was concerned that assigning police officers to monitor the Caspari Street entrance of campus would reduce the number of cops patrolling the other campus streets during holidays.

Senator Keith Gates said, "I think this bill is a good idea, and I think it would be a lot easier to implement this than it would be to tell the campus police to go out and patrol."

Eighteen members of the senate were present at the meeting, and there was a tied vote of nine to nine. Speaker of the Senate Pulliam's tiebreaker vote passed the resolution.

The next resolution on the agenda proposed adding a phrase to the student handbook prohibiting late-night loitering on campus.

The proposed addition stated, "After 6 p.m. quiet hours will extend into the outside premises of all residential and dining facilities, in which excessive numbers of students in groups will be dissembled."

The resolution stated that this new rule would help resolve problems caused by unruly crowds loitering in front of Iberville Dining Hall at night.

"Girls should not have to go through what they go through when they walk through that (Iberville) parking lot," said Senator Jerry Whorton.

Senator Craig Desoto said, "I used to date a girl who lived in the (Sabine) dorm. When I would go to pick her up, when she would walk out, there would be 30 to 50 people hollering at her, making rude comments – sexual and graphic type comments. I think this is a very good idea."

The bill passed by general consent.

The fourth piece of legislation discussed Monday night was a resolution proposing to let students vote whether to pay an additional student self-assessed fee of $1 to the NSU theater department each semester. The theater department currently receives $1 from each full-time student each semester, and the bill proposes raising the fee to $2.

Roger Held, the head of the theatre department, attended the SGA meeting and passed out flyers that gave reasons why he believed the senate should approve the resolution.

According to Held's flyer, the $1 student self-assessed fee has not been increased since it was put in place 20 years ago, but costs of theatrical productions have increased dramatically. The new student fee would increase the quality of productions and provide higher quality and safer tools for students to build sets with.

Senator Floyd argued against the fee increase.

"This bill has merit. Yet the bottom line is that it is a fee increase for students, and everybody knows I am against student fee increases," Floyd said. "I've always been against student fee increases. That's one of the reasons why I've been elected to my fifth term because I've always promised that I would vote against student fee increases."

Senator Patrick Feller argued that the resolution would not cause the student fee increase, and that the issue would be resolved by a student vote.

"This wouldn't be us bringing a fee upon the students," Feller said. "It would be us giving the students the option to decide if they feel it's worth it."

The senate approved the resolution by a 17 to one vote. Students will vote on this matter during the spring 2004 elections.

According to the next piece of legislation, the storm drain covers near Boozman Hall and A.A. Fredericks Performing Arts Center are not put into place adequately and are a safety concern for disabled students and cyclists. The resolution stated that the University should correct the problem. The resolution was passed by general consent.

The next piece of legislation proposed establishing a general disclaimer stating that the views and opinions of any person chosen to speak by the SGA as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series do not necessarily reflect the views of the SGA. This resolution was passed by general consent.

After giving prior notice at the SGA meeting on Nov. 17, Gates moved to rescind a bill that was passed by the senate during the spring 2003 semester. The bill proposed allowing students to vote on whether to continue paying a $1 student self-assessed fee to the NSU rodeo team. After the bill's passage in the spring, it was originally planned to be placed on the fall 2003 ballot for the students to vote on. However, the bill was not signed by Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour, and it was not placed on the ballot this semester. All pieces of legislation passed by the SGA must be approved by Seymour and University President Randall Webb in order to go into effect.

The senate's discussion on whether to rescind the bill lasted over 20 minutes.

"This bill was picking on the rodeo team. If you take away this dollar, you are going to kill the rodeo team," Gates said.

Desoto said, "My deal is that if we're going to take a dollar away from one organization, then why don't we talk about some of them that have four dollar or five dollar fees? If you're going to talk about one, you need to talk about all of them."

Senator Alan Sypert was one of the original sponsors of the bill. Sypert said that it is unrealistic to put all of the student self-assessed fees up for a vote.

"You can't put every student self-assessed fee that we have control of up at once, and say 'Hey, do you want to keep paying this? It's about 30 bucks. Do you want to save 30 bucks this semester?' That's going to tilt their minds for a different reason," Sypert said.

Senator Casey Ponder said, "I think that we should respect the decision that the senate before us made." Ponder made a motion to end discussion, and it was approved.

The motion failed with an eight to nine vote.

The rodeo team fee decision is expected to appear on the spring 2004 ballot.

Approximately an hour and a half into the meeting, the senate moved on to new business.

First, the senate approved the Media Board recommendation of Current Sauce Managing Editor Kristen Dauzat for the interim editor-in-chief position for the spring 2004 semester.

Then, the senate voted on a runoff between senators Ashlie Fisher and Mindy McConnell for a nomination to attend the Conference on Student Government Associations that will be held Feb. 22-25 at Texas A&M University. McConnell was chosen to attend the conference.

Four new pieces of legislation were placed on emergency status this week and they were all approved by the senate. SGA President Greg Comeaux said that all of the legislation placed on emergency status proposed projects that could be completed over the Christmas break.

The senate approved a resolution proposing that the University repair the damaged ceiling, walls and lighting system in Magale Recital Hall.

The senate also approved a resolution stating that the restrooms in Bossier Hall lack proper stall doors, and the University should install these doors to provide students with the privacy they need.

The next resolution approved by the senate stated that the second floor walkway into the Student Union has become a safety issue, and the University should repair it.

The last piece of legislation approved by the senate was a bill that changed the deadline for senators to turn in legislation for an upcoming meeting from noon on Monday to noon on Friday.

Five additional pieces of legislation were tabled, and they will be discussed at the first SGA meeting next semester.

SGA Minutes December 1, 2003

I. Call to Order at 7:01

Present: Matt Bartley, Jeff Bergeron, Sara Burling, Matt Burrough, Craig Desoto, Patrick Feller, Ashlie Fisher, Dustin Floyd, John Eric Fontenot, Keith Gates, Jack Halford, Kelli Menard, Kelli Miller, Mindy McConnell, Casey Ponder, Zach Pulliam, Alan Sypert, Shantel Wempren, Jerry Whorton. Absent: Chris Faist

Alan Sypert moves to approve minutes of Nov. 17, 2003. Jerry Whorton seconds the motion. Motion Passes

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer's Report: Edward "Beau" Boudreaux (absent): No Report

Vice President Report: Scott Manguno

The University Bookstore, Post Office and Food Services Committee will meet and had a very productive meeting. Aramark was addressed and the 'One Card' system will be campaigned at the Spring Fee Payment. The 'One Card System' will allow students to receive refunds upon graduation and roll over any money let in the account from each semester.

President Report: Greg Comeaux

Greg Comeaux is glad to see everyone back. There are pieces of legislation missing from November, please get that to Greg Comeaux as soon as possible. Mr. Roger Held is here to speak on behalf of the Drama Dept. which is #4 on the agenda. There is a run-off for the last COSGA delegate position between Ashlie Fisher and Mindy McConnell. Mr. Henry asks Greg Comeaux to compile a list of all senators and executives to check grades, the list needs to have full names. A 2.0 GPA is needed in order to continue to serve on SGA

III. Departmental Reports

Academic Affairs: Mindy McConnell No Report

External Affairs: Ashlie Fisher

Thanks to Jack Halford, Dustin Floyd, Greg Comeaux, and Matt Burrough for their help with Senior Day.

Fiscal Affairs: Edward "Beau" Boudreaux (absent) No Report

Internal Affairs: Zach Pulliam

#10 on the agenda is on emergency status, making there 10 bills up for vote tonight. This is the last meeting of the semester please vote up or down on these bills to save some time. There are six members who are up for removal in the Spring: Chris Faist, Craig Desoto, Jerry Whorton, John Eric Fontenot, Josh Howell and Sara Burling. If there are any discrepancies please see Zach Pulliam after the meeting. There are no office hours this week but please get legislation in.

Student Affairs: Keith Gates

The Wellness Center Committee meet and there were no fireworks like suspected. The next meeting will be in January. There are many bills that could have been handled through phone calls and no bill was needed to be written. The Student Affairs Committee has the job of doing this.

Graduate Advisor's Report: David Gunn

The large number of pieces of legislation that always comes at the end of the semester could have been handled through phone calls and contacting the right people. The two pieces of legislation policy should be reviewed and needs to be readdressed. There has been a lot of abstaining from voting. The design of abstaining from a vote is to not confront a conflicting of interest, personal. This is not helping and voting should lend a voice.

Advisors Report: Mr. Henry

Good luck to everyone with finals. Please have the list to check grades in by Friday. Thanks to Dr. Held for coming tonight on behalf of the Drama Department.

SAB Report: Ashlie Fisher

Ashlie Fisher forgot to announce that the SGA Christmas party will be December 8 at Trail Boss, be there for 7 p.m. Bring money for food and a present if you would like to participate in a game. There are 18 ladies signed up for LOB and they will hold preliminaries. Money was also passes for the reception for LOB.

Craig Desoto enters.

Supreme Court: Sharmyn Little (no Court members present) No Report

IV. Unfinished Business

FA03-028 dealing with Scantrons. Alan Sypert moves to approve Bill FA03-028. Jeff Bergeron seconds the motion. Discussion. Dustin moves to refer to Academic Affairs. Kelli Miller seconds the motion. Discussion on referral to Academic Affairs. Motion fails 11-7. Discussion. Zach Pulliam moves to refer to Academic Affairs for Spring review. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Motion passes to refer 18-0.

FA03-029 dealing with security. Mindy McConnell reads Bill FA03-029. Kelli Miller moves to approve the bill. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Mindy McConnell moves to amend and strike 'After midnight' Keith Gates seconds the motion. Amendment passes. Discussion. Jerry Whorton moves to pervious question. Matt Burrough seconds the motion. Motion passes to close discussion passes. Jack Halford moves to add 'after midnight' Ashlie Fisher seconds the motion. Discussion. Amendment is called out of order. Motion passes 10-9.

FA03-030 dealing with Iberville loitering. Alan Sypert moves to approve Bill FA03-030. Jerry Whorton seconds the motion. Jack Halford moves to amend the bill the state '6 p.m.' instead of '8 p.m.' in all appropriate places. Dustin Floyd seconds the motion. Discussion Motion passes 18-0.

Craig Desoto exits

FA03-031 dealing with the Drama Department. Mindy McConnell reads the bill and moves to approve Bill FA03-031. Jerry Whorton seconds the motion, Discussion. Dr. Roger Held speaks to the senate on the departments' behalf. Discussion.

Craig Desoto enters.

Motion passes17-1.

FA03-032 dealing with the drains. Jeff Bergeron moves to approve the bill. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.

FA03-033 dealing with impartiality. Patrick Feller moves to approve the bill. Craig Desoto seconds the motion. Discussion . Motion passes.

Keith Gates moves to rescind Bill SP03-0024. Discussion. Motion is removed.

Josh Howell and John Eric Fontenot exit.

Keith Gates moves to reinstate the previous motion to rescind Bill Sp03-0024. Casey Ponder seconds the motion. Keith Gates ends discussion with a closing statement. Casey Ponder calls to previous question. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Motion passes 14-2. Dustin Floyd moves to object to consideration of question. Motion is called out of order by Zach Pulliam because such motion can only be made during discussion and question had already been called. Motion to rescind Bill SP03-0024 fails 8-9.

V. New Business

Media Board Recommendation:

Zach Pulliam announces that the Media Board recommends Kristen Dauzat for the position of Editor of the Current Sauce. Zach Pulliam asks Kristen Dauzat to speak to the senate on her behalf. Questions from the senate. Jerry Whorton exits. Dustin Floyd moves to approve Kristen Dauzat as Editor of the Current Sauce. Craig Desoto exits. Jack Halford seconds the motion. Jerry Whorton enters, Discussion. Craig Desoto enters. Motion passes 13-1-2.

COSGA delegate runoff:

Ashlie Fisher and Mindy McConnell each speak to the senate on why they desire to attend COSGA. The senate questions each candidate. Discussion. Shantel Wempren enters.

FA03-035 dealing with repairs to the recital hall. Alan Sypert moves to approve Bill FA03-035. Jerry Whorton second the motion. Motion passes 15-2.

FA03-036 dealing with stall doors. Matt Bartley moves to approve Bill FA03-036. Casey Ponder seconds the motion. Matt Bartley moves to amend the bill by removing "all" . Matt Bartley rescinds the motion because 'all' was a typographical error. Motion passes 14-2-1.

FA03-040 dealing with the Student Union. Casey Ponder moves to approve Bill FA03-040. Matt Burrough seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion passes.

FA03-042 dealing with legislation deadlines. Zach Pulliam moves to approve Bill FA03-042. Alan Sypert seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion Passes.

VI. Announcements

Greg Comeaux thanks the senate for a good job on legislation tonight.

Dustin Floyd thanks all the senators who helped with the "Meet And Greet" before the break. Zach Pulliam announces the COSGA delegate run-off winner, Mindy McConnell. Greg Comeaux reminds the COSGA delegates to get a medical waiver form.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Column

Things I Learned Editing *the Sauce*

By Garrett Guillotte
Lame Duck Editor

To all you letter writers: If you're going to attack someone's intelligence through their grammatical mistakes, don't make grammatical mistakes in your attack.

The more you trust someone, the more likely you'll get threatened with a lawsuit when they're wrong.

There is no such thing as complete objectivity.

Good looks (or design) trump empty minds (or stories).

For every story in the paper, there's at least 10 that go unreported simply because nobody wants to tell them.

Management is the most difficult and unrewarding occupation on Earth.

18 hours of class do not go well with a full-time job with no set schedule.

Nothing is more frustrating than a malfunctioning computer that other people who don't use them prevent you from fixing.

Nobody wants to hear your complaints, your opinions, or your ideas.

Everybody wants to use your complaints, your opinions, and your ideas.

If it wasn't for the Scholars' College and the SGA, there'd be no need for an opinions page every week, or most any week.

More than three ads on one page are apparently too many, even when less than 30% of the paper are advertisements.

Never, never, never run articles from the news wires, no matter how relevant, well-written or informative they are.

Good things are happening at NSU, and you'll never know it.

Bad things are happening at NSU, and you'll never know it.

Runaway roosters and public masturbators are way more common than you may believe.

Massachusetts librarians are the coolest, and I want to date the 80% of them that are women.

Where there's no competition, growth is too slow to be measured.

The one thing nearly all journalism majors cannot do well is communicate with each other.

No sleep is better than a little, except for driving. But when your chest and arms start hurting, you should at least take a nap.

Everything that can go wrong, will go wrong. It will all go wrong repeatedly, and it will all get worse every time. (This goes double for getting back together with your ex-girlfriend.)

The last guy didn't do so badly after all. But he was still a punk.

Don't attend the meeting where people choose your replacement. You'll regret having ever respected a lot of people afterwards.

Every newspaper has thousands upon thousands of words in it. Make one mistake and nobody will let you live it down. Make no mistakes and nobody notices.

It doesn't matter who screwed up. It's still your fault.

Nobody cares about the Web site enough to comment about it until it goes down.

The best writers read. The worst writers watch television.

And finally: I have seen less hatred and more humor in documentaries about the Nazi SS than I have in many of the people I've met or worked with during my term as editor. Learning how seriously so many people take the insignificant has sobered me against enjoying anything I do as a journalist, because I'm too afraid now to be proud.

Someone, somewhere, will hate me for it, and that tears me up.

> **"Have a nice trip, Dick."**
>
> **Betty Ford**
> Bidding farewell to resigning U.S. President Richard M. Nixon

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's note: These two letters respond to a letter to the editor published in the Nov. 30 issue: "Natchitoches Central High student says NSU students immature, irresponsible," signed by Natchitoches Central High School student Donna Sharp

Student: "Think about what you say before you say it"

Dear Donna,

My name is Cory Knight and I am a sophmore mechanical engineering student at NSU. I think your letter in the Current Sauce is garbage. You try to tell us, as college students, to grow up when you haven't even graduated from high school yet. You also categorized all students at NSU as student who are immature and childish. For one, how the freak does our actions reflect to your peice of crap high school. If I travel 20 mins., stop at a gas station and ask have you ever heard of Natchitoches Central? The response might be, "Is that a business?" No one cares about the high school in Nat. to begin with. Futhermore, you putting us college students down is ridiculous. How can you criticize someone who has accomplished far more than you already have? You ask for my personal testimony? Sure, I'll tell you about it. I have taken no less than 20 hours a semester, played in the Spirit of NSU, work at least 15 hours a week, and played in a praise band at church ever since I came here while maintaining a good GPA. You say I have easy classes? Calculus 1-3, Calc based Physics., two chem classes, Economics, 2 internet classes, and engineering classes. Think about what you say before you say it because you degrade me and haven't accomplished and probably can't accomplish 1/4 of what I have. You are a disgrace to the Natichoches community and it will be in your best interest not to attend NSU. (if you even go to college) I am not saying immaturity and childishness does not take place at NSU, I am saying not every student at NSU participates in such things. Also, you need to go back to English class at your great little NCHS because where I come from, writing in fragments in a formal paper would be very grammatically wrong!! McNeese sounds like a good school for your ignorance and your stupid email address. I have plenty more to say but feel my point has been made. Take these things to heart because I did mean them. Have a great rest of the year.

Cory Knight

SGA senator: That's a lot of people to stereotype

Dear Editor,

I would first like to congratulate you on your new position and wish you the best of luck in your upcoming endeavors. You have taken on an important job; I hope you do it well.

(Editor's Note: While Garrett Guillotte is still editor, interim editor-elect Kristen Dauzat appreciates the sentiment.)

My next task of business is to respond to the only letter to the editor from Nov. 20, and I apologize in advance for my length.

Ms. Sharp, pardon me for saying this, but who in the heck do you think you are? I appreciate you blaming the problems of the world on college students and saying: "NSU is actually the ones that aren't that mature." Grammatical errors aside, I have to say your whole letter was pretty immature and misinformed.

Northwestern State University, with its three campuses, is host to over 10,000 students. That's a lot of people for you to stereotype. And you want to talk about growing up? Many students are adults, parents and grandparents, in fact. One might assume that they have grown up. Teenagers and students in their early twenties, since most of us have to work; I'd say they were pretty grown up as well. Ms. Sharp, you are accusing 10,000 people of the crimes and actions of a small group of people that manage to get their names in the paper and ruin it for the rest of us. I would not pursue a career in law if I were you. As for threats and urinating on walls and driving past peoples homes at night "actually watching them," maybe you should call the cops. Did you see the student ID's of these people, are you sure that they are college students? They could be high school kids. Or they may not be students at all.

May we talk about money for a brief moment? Where did you get your numbers? A student carrying a full course load would who lives on campus with the most expensive available meal plan would spend just over $3000 a semester; there is a big difference between $3000 and $5000. Might I suggest research before accusations?

I don't like to ridicule or pick on people who are younger than me, but it seems that you Ms. Sharp, according to your page on Yahoo, are the same age as me, 18. I might also point out that it says on your page, and I quote, "I get drunk and then ride bulls." Sorry for being harsh, but someone had to point out that you are a hypocrite. I strongly suggest that you do a little growing up before telling others how to live.

My next point is on a somewhat more pleasant note. I would like to personally thank the people who work for the Red River janitorial company for their excellent work. Sunday afternoon when I arrived on campus the dorm was clean as it is every morning. I appreciate all that you do around the school and I cannot say thank you enough.

My final plight is about the break-ins that occurred at the columns during Thanksgiving break. I do not live in the columns but I was informed that more than ten apartments were broken into. Items such as desktop computers and television sets were stolen. I have but one question, campus security, where were you? Instead of writing tickets in the broken, inefficiently lined, overcrowded parking lots, perhaps campus security should patrol the parking lots on campus as well as in the columns and question suspicious behavior. Campus police might do this on an hourly basis since it doesn't take long to steal from someone. It is merely a suggestion.

With respect to all parties mentioned above,

Shantel M. Wempre
NSU freshman
SGA Freshman Senator

(PS: I would like to note that my opinions are my own and not those of the SGA. If anyone would like to reach me, my email is ShantelMarie@Elvis.com. I check regularly, so please feel free.)

Parking confusion may be "your own damn fault"

(Editor's note: Because of computer problems, this letter was not included in the last issue. It refers to the letter "Students want clear explanation of parking," published in the Nov. 13 issue and signed by Anna Fletcher and concerned students of NSU.)

This letter is in reply to the gripe last week (Nov. 13) over parking problems. Foremost, the young lady is correct that parking regulations do not appear in either the course/general catalog or the student handbook. However, this is exactly the kind of problem that needs to be brought to the attention of the SGA. Hence, instead of complaining to the student paper, which I believe has no power over this issue whatsoever, contact your nearest student senator, and inform that person of the situation.

Problematically for the young lady, her point is moot. Every parking lot either already has or is in the process receiving a sign that clearly marks it as commuter, resident, et cetera. I am not soon to rally to someone's cause when she does not take the time to look at a parking lot before she enters it. Seriously, pay a little more attention to detail and you won't have to deal with these problems (or letters like this) in the future.

Finally, when people receive parking permit tags for the campus, they are also supposed to receive a map of the campus that contains a color-coded guide to the parking lots. Too busy (lazy) to read, study, or keep this with you? Well, that's your own damn fault. Furthermore, even had you personally not received this map, you can still get one at practically any time from the campus police. Ultimately, if you do not understand the parking on this campus, I do not feel sorry for you.

Anthony McKaskle
senior Scholars' College student

(Editor's note: Mr. McKaskle is a copy editor for the CURRENT SAUCE*, but his opinion stated here is his alone and is not sponsored in any way by the* SAUCE.*)*

Alumnus suggests adding job assistance to Web site

Dear Editor:

During the past 2 years I have contacted several people at NSU inquiring about adding a section on the Website where Alumni can post job related contact information that might help students and alumni locate employment.

I checked the NSU site last week and did not find an entry method to post my company contact information. Perhaps it is there and I missed it or it is simply not a priority. I have posted this type of information at other institutions.

Is there any interest from the student body and alumni for this type of job assistance? This is just an idea. Ideas can lead to good things. Why not create a story and determine if there is interest?

Ron Ke
NSU alumnus (197
New Orlea

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I had a cat named Grayscale once, he was the best cat ever. He would lick my scalp when I was asleep. When I'd wake up, my hair would be all wet and sticking straight up and he'd be passed out on the pillow.

I miss Grayscale very very much.

Music review

Evolution of Keys: The Diary of Alicia Keys

★★★★★ (out of five)

By Tasha N. Braggs
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Two years ago, singer and piano player Alicia Keys released her first album Songs In A Minor that sold millions of copies and won her five Grammy Awards.

Keys' first album laid the foundation of her well-known old school hip-hop beats and dynamic skills that include song writing, singing, producing and piano playing.

On Dec. 2, Keys released her sophomore album The Diary of Alicia Keys. Keys continues to collaborate an old-school flavor that "might remind listeners of records their grandmother played" according to www.mtv.com.

The CD comes in two parts, which includes a documentary of Keys that tells the story of her life growing up in New York, her family, her international tour and her life in the music industry.

Keys' album is based on various exerpts from her own personal diary. She takes listeners on an emotional roller coaster with songs about heartbreak, love and life.

The first track, "You Don't Know My Name," displays the Keys' creativity both in the music and in the video.

In the video, Keys portrays a waitress secretly admiring a guy who comes in every day to order the special with hot chocolate. She slows the music down to do a little dialogue that has the waitress character trying to set up a date with the guy.

Keys said to www.mtv.com that this songs means, "Your imagination runs away with you, but in actuality you don't even know them (the guy), and they don't even know your name."

There is only one remake on Keys' album. "If I Was Your Woman/Walk On By" is a remake of the 1971 R&B singer Gladys Knight and the Pips song "If I Were Your Woman." This remake is a modern tempo style song unlike the original version.

Editor's Picks: Top Three Songs On the CD

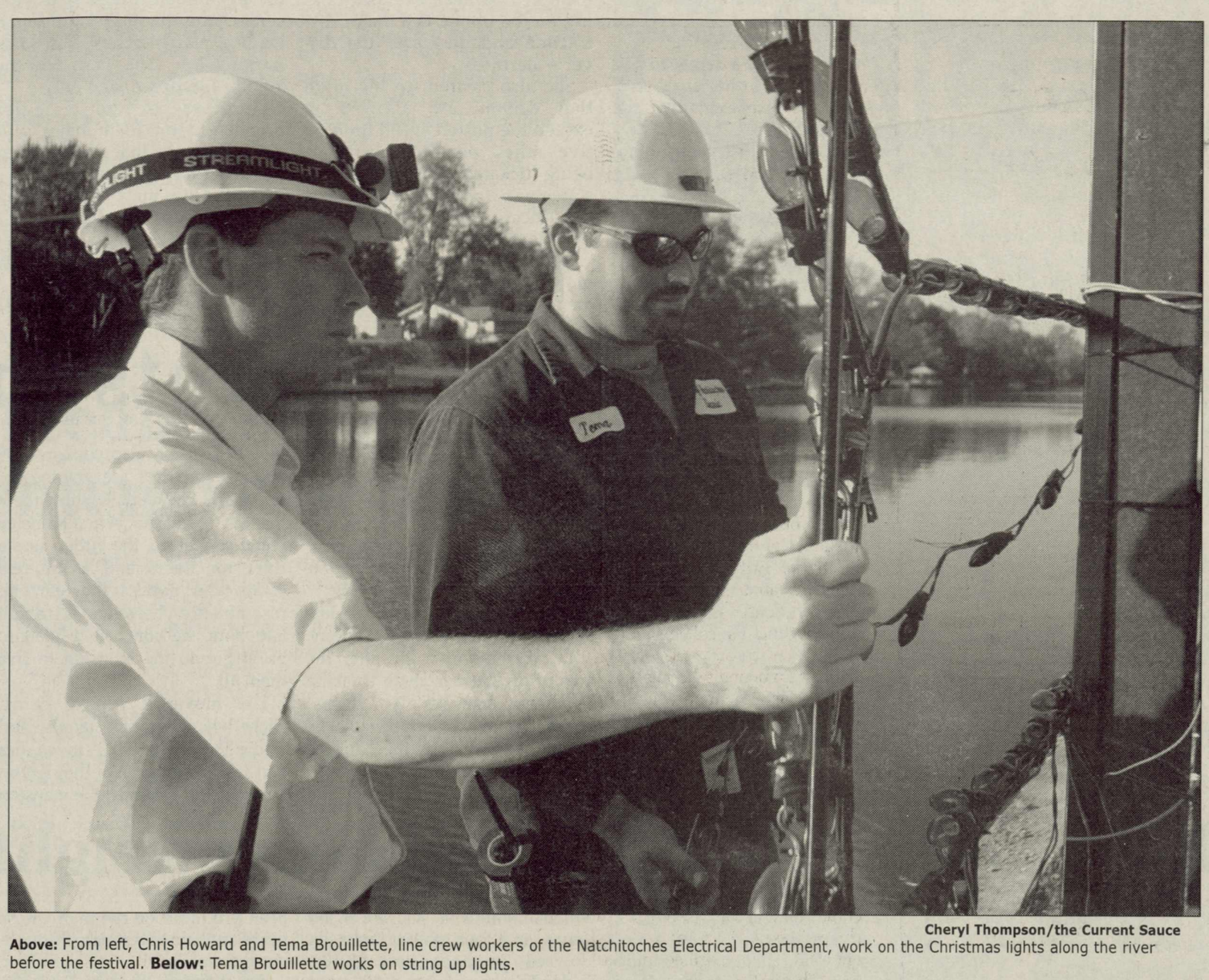
1. **Karma**-"What goes around comes around," Keys sings. This song has a wonderful tempo.
2. **Samsonite Man**-"Gotta go, gotta go," as the song says, this man has to go for real in this song. This was a real creative name for a song to tell someone to get out of your life (hint: it is luggage).
3. **Heartburn**- Being around the person that you love gives you this warm and special feeling, and it is not gas. This is a very upbeat song, and it is a cute way to describe how someone feels about a lover.

Editors Waste Pail: Worst Song on the Album

"Nobody not really" (Double negative for you English majors)

This song really just doesn't go with the rest of the songs on the album. Keys does not sound very good and the music isn't right. With 14 great songs on the album, I can understand that the last one would be a flop.

I give the album five stars because it is original and worth all the money you spend on it. I don't encourage bootlegging this album, but I advise you to listen to it and experience it for yourself. For more information on the album, visit www.aliciakeys.com



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

Above: From left, Chris Howard and Tema Brouillette, line crew workers of the Natchitoches Electrical Department, work on the Christmas lights along the river before the festival. **Below:** Tema Brouillette works on string up lights.

Light it up: Christmas Festival 2003

By Derrick Doyle
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Well everyone, the holiday season is rapidly approaching and do you know what time it is?

It is time for the 77th anniversary of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival, which will be held on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. in the downtown and riverbank areas of Natchitoches.

The Natchitoches Christmas Festival began in 1927 when Max Burgdorf, superintendent of utilities for Natchitoches, decided that there was a need in the community for something to better express the Christmas feeling. Burgdorf decided a street and riverbank lighting program was just what the community needed.

This year, the Festival will be adding high tech lasers and two huge screens on the riverbank to compliment the traditional fireworks that evening.

There will be two laser and firework shows during the weekend of Natchitoches Christmas Festival. The first laser and fireworks show will be held on Saturday at 6 p.m. The second one will be held on Sunday at 7 p.m. In addition, in case you miss the laser and firework show on both those dates there will be a final laser and fireworks show on New Year's Eve at midnight.

"Wow, I haven't even heard about that, but I look forward to seeing it," said Thomas Waddle, a sophomore aviation major at NSU after being informed that there will be an added high tech laser show with screens complimenting the fireworks during the Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

"What we wanted to it do for a long time is bring in a sort of Disney World Epcot Center laser look for the Christmas festival," said Nick Pollacia, Jr., executive vice president of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce, on adding a high tech laser show and screens to the Festival, which will be operated by computer technicians.

The grand marshal of the Christmas Festival parade will be Todd Walker. is the second baseman of the Boston Red Sox who were just a win away from going to the 2003 World Series. When he was young, Walker and his family at one time lived in Natchitoches and later moved to Shreveport. The parade will begin at 1 p.m.



The Natchitoches Christmas Festival will also feature Rock and Roll legend Starship, featuring Mickey Thomas. They recorded hits such as "Jane", "No Way Out", "We Built This City", "Sara", "Nothing Is Going to Stop Us Now" and the Major League Baseball adopted theme song "It Ain't Over Until Its Over." Starship will begin at 4 p.m.

There still is a great deal of work to be done before the Christmas Festival. The City of Natchitoches officially turns on the Christmas lights for the first time on November 25 at 6 p.m. during a fireworks show on the Fleur de Lis Stage in downtown Natchitoches and they are working hard to get all the lights put up.

"There are around 20 workers that put in around 10 to 15 hours a day and it takes around three and a half weeks to four weeks to put all the lights. We work all the way up to the official turn-on of the lights," said Charles Brossette, electric supervisor of Natchitoches who estimates the cost of putting up the lights in Natchitoches is around $300,000.

Brossette also mentioned the lights are tested every night around 5:30 p.m. until November 25.

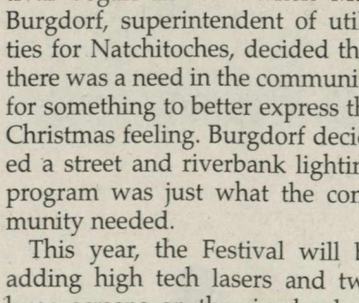
The Natchitoches Christmas Festival is always held on the first Saturday in December and annually draws more than 100,000 visitors.

"Our turnout grows each year and the City of Lights gets better each year," said Mark Wethington, junior broadcast major at NSU.

There will be an admission fee of $5 for entry into the downtown and riverbank area for adults and children 12 and over. Admission for children between the ages of 11 and 6 will be $2.

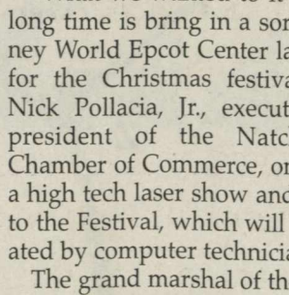
Courtney Hornsby, public relations manager for the City of Natchitoches, is responsible for providing information regarding the Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

What do students want for Christmas?



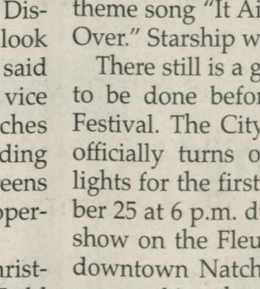
"We're asking Santa for a washer and dryer, DVDs, and a puppy for Christmas. I also want a pink diamond ring so I can be like J.Lo."

-Diana Azua, sophomore early childhood education major and Joshua Wells, sophomore general education major



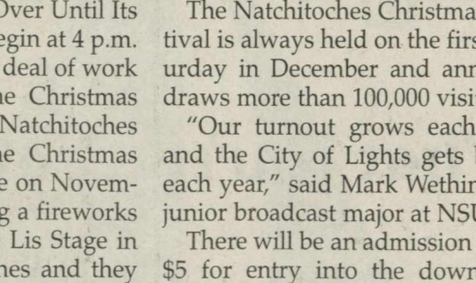
"For Christmas, I would like to have a better relationship with God because when I'm serving Him, I have peace and joy."

-Joan Blake, sophomore nursing major



"All I ask for Christmas this year is togetherness within my family."

-Devin Burrell, freshman business administration major



"As students and parents, we want our family together, healthy and happy. Also, we pray that God will bless our soldiers abroad and their families."

-Stacy (Freshman Physical fitness major) and Anthony (Freshman Education major) Vega



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Caring and Preparing During Finals

Final exams, projects and presentations become abundant around this time of the school year, and stress levels seem to rise profusely.

The best way to deal with stress and anxiety is to make time for yourself and do little things to stay calm and focused.

Preparing for exams shouldn't be stressful. Keep some of these things in mind when you find yourself worrying...

Remember to organize

Make a list of every subject, test and project due. Give yourself ample time to do each task and make your life easier! Use post-it notes, organizers or calendars if you must to record important dates, deadlines, and projects.

Get enough sleep

Your body doesn't function as well without rest. If staying up late is common for you, try to make it a point to go to bed a little earlier. Doing this may keep you from feeling discouraged about the days ahead. Though it is important to get enough sleep, the demands of school can sometimes make it unfeasible to get a great deal of sleep. To keep yourself looking alive and your eyes from becoming puffy or tired, try an under-the-eye treatment to brighten the eye area. Another remedy includes using a common cucumber...simply cut two circles and place them over your eyes for a few minutes. Those tired eyes will prove to be pleasingly bright!

Pamper yourself

Designate a certain time during the day to indulge in something for your own happiness. Take a warm bubble bath, listen to a soothing CD or read a favorite book. Whatever makes you content, do it to maintain your sanity! Finals can be extremely exhausting and it's important not to let them drain you. Try bath bubbles that include ingredients such as lavender, cucumber or vanilla. Anything that contains stress-relieving agents can be helpful for your senses.

Breathe

When you find yourself becoming anxious or uneasy about certain tasks, stop and take a few deep breaths. This tactic may seem elementary, but it's quite effective.

Each of the previous approaches is just a few ways to help you do well during the close of the semester. Although it's important to do well on tests, papers and other projects, your health is just as important, so remember to take time for you!

Sorority promotes seatbelt safety

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Alpha Kappa Alpha hosted a Buckle-Up Safety Awareness workshop Monday night.

Only 10 students attended the approximately hour-long event held in The Alley of the Student Union.

The program was designed to inform students about traffic safety and the dangers of irresponsible driving.

Miranda Jones, a patrol officer for the Natchitoches Police Department for seven years, was the guest speaker.

During the first half of the presentation, Jones, who has been a part of the traffic division for the past three years, spent a few minutes stressing how important it is for a driver to pay attention to his or her surroundings. Jones also explained the importance of wearing a seat belt and discussed automobile crash statistics involving safety belt violations.

Jones also answered questions from attendees. Jones cleared up some myths and rumors about driving that the students may have heard.

For example, Jones said that it is not illegal to talk on cell phones while driving in Natchitoches. However, she said talking on the phone is a major distraction and decreases the driver's alertness.

She also cleared up the myth that drivers are allowed to exceed the posted speed limit by five miles per hour without being ticketed. She said that statement was false, and it is at the officer's discretion to write a ticket once the law is violated.

Also, Jones revealed a common traffic violation that is made here in Natchitoches--one that many of the attendees found surprising. Jones said that she has warned several drivers that it is illegal to use the center lane to merge right when leaving Natchitoches' Wal-Mart parking lot. She said that the lane is a left-turn lane only.

Dorothea Wilson, a junior broadcast journalism major, said she was happy that she attended the program.

"I wanted more information about traffic and traffic safety. I have learned so many facts that will be very beneficial while driving," Wilson said.

Danielle Mitchell, a senior journalism major and vice president of the AKA sorority explained why it was necessary to host such the event.

"Buckle-Up Safety Awareness is one of our target programs and it make students aware of safety issues as far as driving," Mitchell said.

At the end of the program, Mitchell and the two other sorority members presented Jones with a certificate of appreciation.

The officer urged students to come by the police department if they have any questions about traffic safety.

Disney movie barely haunts the grave

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It's one of the main attractions for Disneyworld where "grim grinning ghosts come out to socialize," and now it's a movie starring Eddie Murphy.

Disney is now taking some of its most beloved theme park attractions, building storylines behind them and turning them into feature length films. It began with "The Country Bears," and saw major success with this summer's, "The Pirates of the Caribbean." Now, Disney has released its third attraction film, "The Haunted Mansion."

The ride, The Haunted Mansion, is based on the story of 999 happy haunts within the mansion with room for only one more, and from this Disney built a back-story.

Jim Evers (Murphy) and his wife Sara (Marsha Thomason) are real estate agents in Louisiana who decide to go away with their kids for a weekend getaway at the lake. The night before, however, Sara gets a mysterious phone call about a mansion that a wealthy man would like to put up or sale. The only catch is that Sara must go alone. She ignores the request, and the whole family stops by the mansion as a quick, 20-minute detour before continuing on to the lake.

The mansion is owned by Master Gracey (Nathaniel Parker), who takes his own life after the love of his life, Elizabeth (Marsha Thomason) takes her own…or that is what he thinks happened. His suicide, of course, is the hanging seen in the beginning of the ride up above the elevator. So, the movie mansion also contains 999 haunts, and they are waiting for one more, Elizabeth, to show them the way to heaven. When Ramsley (Terence Stamp), the butler, sees a flyer for Evers and Evers real estate and notices the startling resemblance between Elizabeth and Sara, he concocts a plan to bring her to the mansion to free them all.

The movie is full of corny, clichéd horror movie laughs and Eddie Murphy antics. A raven flies and lands everywhere they go on the mansion grounds, the mansion has its own burial ground and Jennifer Tilly plays a floating green head in a crystal ball.

And what is the cheesiest theme in the movie? Yes, the butler did it. What did he do? Go see the movie and find out.

I give it three and a half stars. It was a corny movie, but at least Eddie Murphy was funny, and the special effects and Disney attraction history was fun to see in live action. They may have struck gold with "Pirates," but "The Haunted Mansion" barely gets out of the grave.

For Muhammad Ali, a real heavyweight book, too

By Linda Robertson
Knight Ridder Newspapers/*Miami Tribune*

MIAMI — You wouldn't call it just a book any more than you would call Muhammad Ali just a boxer. A larger-than-life subject requires a larger-than-life biography. And so, introducing, in this corner, weighing 75 pounds, filling 800 pages and costing $3,000, the heavyweight of tomes, GOAT (Greatest of All Time).

The brainchild of German publisher Benedikt Taschen, GOAT will make its U.S. debut at Art Basel on Saturday night when the champ himself and members of his famous entourage will be in attendance at a private gathering inside the Miami Beach Convention Center. Taschen is planning to re-create a semblance of the scene when Cassius Clay took the title from Sonny Liston on Feb. 25, 1964, complete with a boxing ring and a master of ceremonies — in this case, actor Will Smith, who portrayed Ali in a feature film.

Guests can get a look at the 20-inch-by-20-inch collector's item and order it — if they can afford it. Only 10,000 copies, all signed by Ali and American artist Jeff Koons, are being printed. The first 1,000, which include a sculpture by Koons and four photographs by Howard Bingham, cost $7,500. Each. The remaining 9,000 cost $3,000.

The book is bound by the official bindery for the Vatican in pink leather, the color of Ali's first Cadillac. Each copy comes in a silk-covered box illustrated with Neil Leifer's classic photo, "Ali vs. Williams," from Ali's 1966 third-round knockout of Cleveland Williams.

The idea behind the project was to create the ultimate tribute to Ali, even after countless words, pictures, broadcasts and films have been produced on the man whose name and image resonate throughout the world.

"He is the most recognizable living icon on the planet," said Ali's manager, Bernie Yuman. "In 250 years, this book will be the reference to who he was and what he meant to our civilization. It will be passed down through generations. Obviously you're not going to carry it around, but you can ask people over to your home and they can turn the pages and be in awe."

What does Ali think of it?

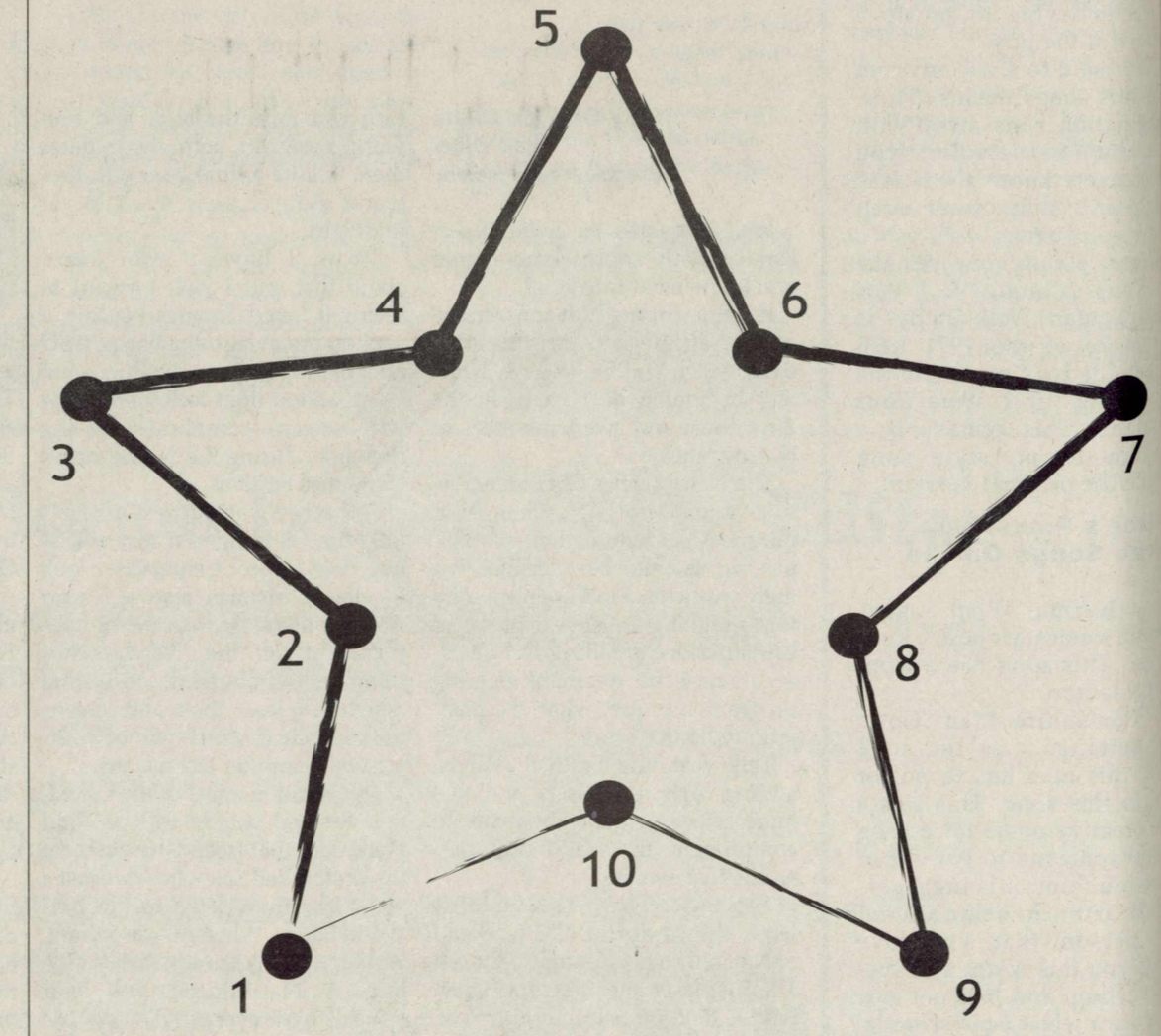
"When we first showed him the finished product, and he closed the back cover, he said, `Man, I never knew I was so great,'" Yuman said.

Taschen, who publishes high-end books on art, architecture, photography, film and entertainment, has been an Ali fan since he was a young boy in Germany. When Ali's fights were broadcast live on TV, his father would wake him up at 3 a.m. and they'd watch them together.

"He was always so elegant and eloquent, and for a black man in the 1960s to stand up for his beliefs was so inspirational that people still get a tear in their eye when they read about it," Taschen said.

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expect the depth chart to change a lot in the 15 days of spring practice and throughout two-a-days in August. Players will have a chance to earn a shot and they'll have chances to regain a spot they lose. It's going to be competitive," said Stoker.

Next year's Demons will also have a sharper mental approach, he said.

The Demons have had only one losing season in the past nine, best by any state or SLC football program. But for Stoker, that't not good enough.

"I came back home to win championships and build a championship-level program," he said. "It's not easy, it's not a steady ride."

Jamall Johnson wins Conference Newcomer

Northwestern State junior linebacker Jamall Johnson, who led the Southland Conference with 117 tackles and 19 tackles for lost yardage, was voted "Newcomer of the Year" and won first-team All-SLC honors as the league's football coaches announced their all-conference team Tuesday.

Johnson, a LaPlace native and product of Destrehan High School, transferred to Northwestern after two years at Division II Delta State. The 6-1, 210-pounder averaged a shade under 10 tackles per game with a high of 16 in a 14-10 win at Louisiana-Monroe.

He was twice named the SLC Defensive Player of the Week. He was second in the SLC in quarterback sacks (6.5) and forced fumbles (3).

He joined two other teammates, junior defensive tackle Quintene Newhouse and junior offensive tackle Greg Buckley, on the first-team All-SLC squad. The Demons had four more players make second-team All-SLC: junior running back Derrick Johnese, junior defensive end Gary Wesley, sophomore cornerback David Pittman and senior safety Eric Louis.

Northwestern, 6-6 overall, also had seven honorable mention selections on the all-conference team: junior running backs Shelton Sampson and Issa Banna, sophomore receiver Toby Zeigler, junior tight end Mark Morris, junior offensive guard Justin Brown, senior cornerback Jerry Goldsmith and senior safety Neil Ponstein.

Basketball teams square off against Centenary Gents

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Lady Demons beat Centenary

Diamond Cosby sparked a 13-5 run in the final 2:48 as the Northwestern State Lady Demons pulled out a 76-70 win over the Centenary Ladies here Tuesday night.

Trailing 65-62 after back-to-back free throws from Centenary's Julie Danieles, Cosby started a 7-0 run with a three-pointer followed by a short jumper and a steal and layup by Chassidy Jones to give NSU a 69-65 lead. After a missed jumper by Danieles just under a minute to play, Cosby sealed the game with her second three-pointer in just over a minute giving the Lady Demons a 72-65 lead with 38 seconds remaining. Centenary was forced into the foul game the rest of the way.

"Different as night and day," Lady Demon head coach James Smith said of the second half from the first half. "We really put up some bad shots in the second half and didn't take real good care of the ball."

NSU, 3-1 for the first time since the 2000-01 season, controlled the game in the first half, leading by as much as 16 points early on and taking a 43-28 lead into the half.

"We knocked some shots down in the first half," said Smith. "(Amanda) Bennett really come out strong for us and gave us the opportunity to get a big lead on them."

Bennett connected for 21 points in the first half but was held to two points in the final 20 minutes of play but still finished with a career-high 23 points. She completed the double-double with 10 rebounds to lead the team. Cosby scored 20 of her game-high 26 points in the second half.

NSU shot 40 percent (27-67) from the floor while Centenary was 24-for-69 for 34.8 percent shooting. The Lady Demons where held to 9-of-31 shooting for 29 percent in the second half but connected on their final four field goals of the game.

The Lady Demons will return to action next Tuesday when they host Harding University in a 7 p.m. tip-off at Prather Coliseum.

Demons lose to Centenary

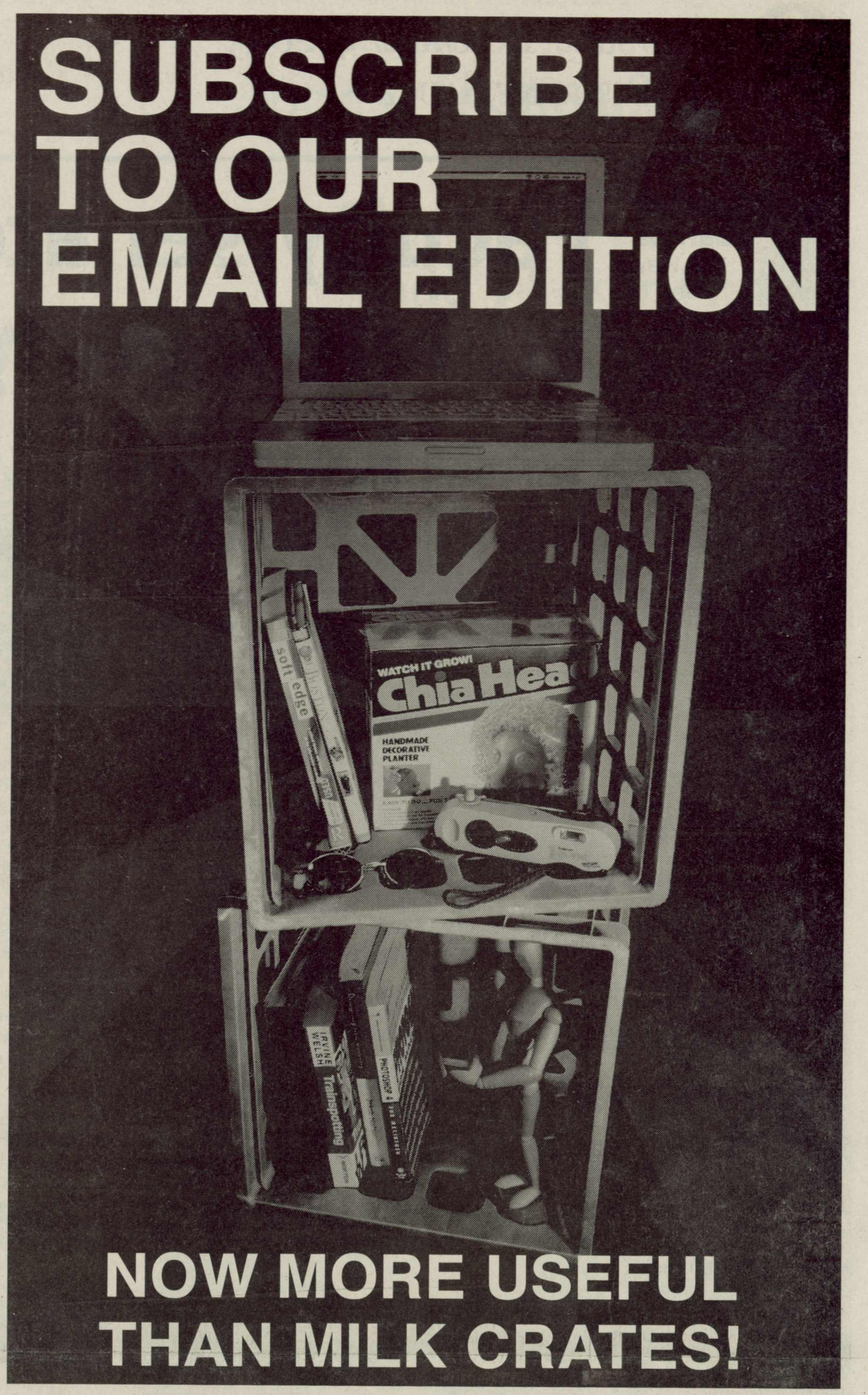
Centenary College used 51 percent shooting to roll over old rival Northwestern State 90-67 Tuesday night as Andrew Wisniewski scored 24 points and had 5 assists for the Gents in front of 2,250 at the Gold Dome.

The Gents scored 12 unanswered points over a six minute span midway through the first half to open a 27-12 lead 5:27 before halftime. That triggered a 25-5 burst that put the game out of reach, leaving Centenary ahead 44-21 at halftime.

Northwestern (1-4) was never able to get closer than 20 points in the final 20 minutes. Centenary (2-2) took advantage of 35 percent shooting by the Demons, who got 14 points by Jermaine Wallace but had nobody else in double digits.

"Centenary has a very good basketball team and played very well tonight, but our performance was pathetic. I'm not going to quit believing in these guys but I am asking them to show me that this is not what they're about. I would like to believe we hit rock bottom tonight," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy.

The Demons made only 3 of 18 3-point tries. They did hit 16 of 24 on free throws. Northwestern won't play again for a week until visiting Tulane next Tuesday night.



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Spring Sports

Well, football season is finally over for the Demons, but don't worry Demon fans, there is still plenty of Demon sports action left.

Even though the football team had a disappointing conference run, students are still in for a treat from the spring sports teams.

If you haven't been to a Demon basketball game yet, you should go soon.

NSU's men's basketball team is a year older with the large number of last year's freshmen players having a season of play under their belts.

They may be off to a not-so-great start with a record of 1-4, but what can you expect from a team still struggling with experience issues?

Let's give them the benefit of the doubt, though. Let finals finish and the spring semester begin, and the team should show more signs of life. The Demons still have Tulane and Loyola coming up in the next few weeks, not to mention the tight Southland Conference schedule that begins in January.

The season should be interesting once the team gets through its end-of-the-semester jitters. The ten sophomores should be ready to play and give the Demons the push they need.

The Lady Demon basketball team will also continue their season next semester.

Their more impressive 3-1 record should have some students begging to get into Prather. They have already taken out Ball State and Centenary and are looking forward to Duke and Kent State late in December.

Conference should be interesting for the Lady Demons as well as it begins on Jan. 8 and continues through early March. Any team that claims, "one team, one goal, one mission," on their program while sporting camouflage and hunting rifles had better live up to the image.

For all of you baseball fans who are tired of hearing about the Marlins' lucky World Series win, relief is in sight. NSU's baseball and softball teams are ready to get cranking.

Like the men's basketball team, the softball team has its fair share of young faces, but with a good mix of returning players, they may have a chance to show off this year.

The baseball team will play a series against Arkansas State and Southern Mississippi as well as attend the Rice Tournament where they will face North Carolina, Nebraska and Rice.

Last season, the Demons pulled off a 35-22-season record and a 16-11-conference record. This season they should play well off that momentum and do well in conference.

No matter what sport you like, there is something for you this spring and, win or lose, a trip to a Demon game should prove to be worthwhile.

Faculty senate tries to end athletes' early registration

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The faculty senate is pushing to end early registration for athletes.

Over the past few weeks, the faculty senate has been working to get a resolution passed that would take the early registration option from athletes saying it is unfair to other students on campus when registration time comes around.

Greg Granger, the former head of the faculty senate, said he feels that allowing athletes to register early does not give regular students a fair chance.

"It's all about student equality," Granger said. "Every student should have the same opportunities."

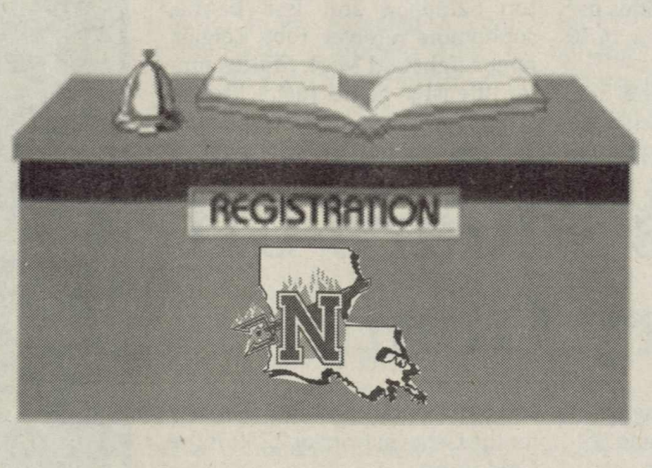
Athletic Director Greg Burke said he understands student equality, but the decision to implement the early registration was based on a recommendation by a peer review team for NCAA certification.

"The members of this peer group would not recommend something that was not happening on their campus, and these members come from schools on our level like Northern Iowa and Georgia Southern," Burke said.

Burke said the recommendation came after athletes were interviewed by the peer review team and mentioned how difficult it could be to enroll in a needed class as they filled rapidly. Burke said the review teams tend to dismiss topics that are not important, but the team chose to help resolve the situation.

While Granger said this is still unfair to other students, Burke said, "This has nothing to do with giving athletes preferential treatment. It's about giving them the opportunity to get into classes they need to make satisfactory progress with NCAA standards."

According to the NCAA bylaws, athletes must complete 75 percent of semester hours required for progress



toward their degrees as well as specific percentages of classes toward their degrees by the end of each academic year in order to maintain NCAA eligibility.

Burke said this prevents athletes from taking some needed classes during the summer when there are no conflicts with other classes or practice times. He said classes fill too quickly for some athletes to register nearly putting them out of eligibility.

Burke said early registration mainly helps freshman and sophomore athletes who have trouble meeting these requirements because of the accelerated closings of freshman and sophomore level classes.

Granger said many faculty members feel academics takes a back seat to athletics too often and feel the resolution is still in the best interests of all students, but Burke said academics are held in high regard throughout NSU's athletic department.

"This department takes a very serious stance on academics," Burke said.

He said the new academic center in the field house and the record number of athletes on the Dean's List are examples of this stance.

"As an athletic department, we could have raised money for almost anything, but chose to focus on the academic progression of our athletes," Burke said. "This department has demonstrated its academic worth and its appreciation for the academic mission of NSU."

The resolution has not been approved yet, and must still go before the University's acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler and University President Randall Webb.

Although he is no longer with the faculty senate, Granger said he believes the senate will continue to push the resolution that Burke said will not do any good.

Burke said the athletic department was only complying with NCAA recommendations and going against those recommendations would not be a good thing.

Red Soxer to be grand marshal

Courtesy City of Natchitoches
www.natchitoches.com

LSU Baseball great and current Boston Red Sox star Todd Walker will serve as the grand marshal of the 2003 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade.

Walker, 30, a former Bossier City resident who graduated from Airline High School, has spent the last nine seasons in major league baseball after he was the eighth overall selection in the 1994 baseball draft following an All-America career at LSU.

He burst onto the national scene late this season with heroic play in the pennant race, making a huge impact in his first season as the second baseman for the Boston Red Sox.

Walker has strong family ties to Natchitoches. His grandfather, O'Quinn Walker, served as an insurance agent in Natchitoches from 1958 to 1963. Todd's father and uncle spent some years growing up in Natchitoches.

He will preside over the Natchitoches Christmas Festival parade, which will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 in downtown Natchitoches.

Walker was a pivotal force in the Red Sox' drive to the American League playoffs. Walker hit a Red Sox-record five postseason home runs in Boston's run to Game 7 of the American League Championship Series.

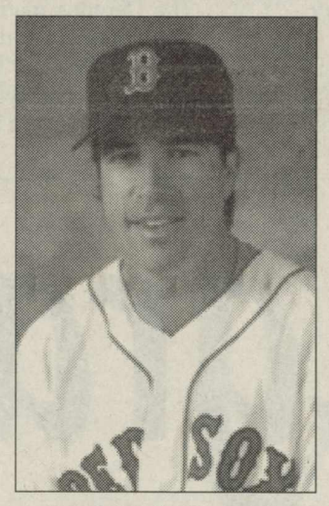
In the regular season, he hit .283 with 13 home runs and a career-high 85 RBI and was the toughest player to strike out in the American League.

Walker, a career .290 hitter, was recently ranked the 18th-best free agent in this year's crop by Baseball America magazine.

His postseason performance, especially in the high-pressure atmospheres of Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium, reinforced the notion that he developed in 1993 as a big-game player.

That season, Walker was the Most Outstanding Player at the College World Series, in which LSU won its second national championship in three years.

At Airline High School, he was named the state baseball Player of the Year and also played football and was an all-state soccer star before signing with Coach Skip Bertman to play baseball at LSU. He was an All-America pick from 1992-94 for the Tigers, becoming the first player in LSU history to hit .400.



Special to the Current Sauce
Boston Red Sox's second baseman Todd Walker is grand marshal for the Christamas Parade.

He was named by Baseball America as the best collegiate second baseman in the modern era of the game. He also played for Team USA before going pro.

He made his big league debut in 1996 with Minnesota and was traded in 2000 to Colorado and then in 2001 to Cincinnati. He has played in 749 major league games.

Walker and his wife, Katie, currently reside in Colorado and have two young children.

"The City of Natchitoches is extremely excited to have Todd Walker serve as this year's grand marshal," said Mayor Wayne McCullen. "The Natchitoches Christmas Festival has a tremendous economic impact on our city, and we know Todd's presence will only enhance this year's festivities."

For more information about the Natchitoches Christmas Festival or a complete schedule of events, please visit www.christmas-festival.com.

Football ends disappointing season

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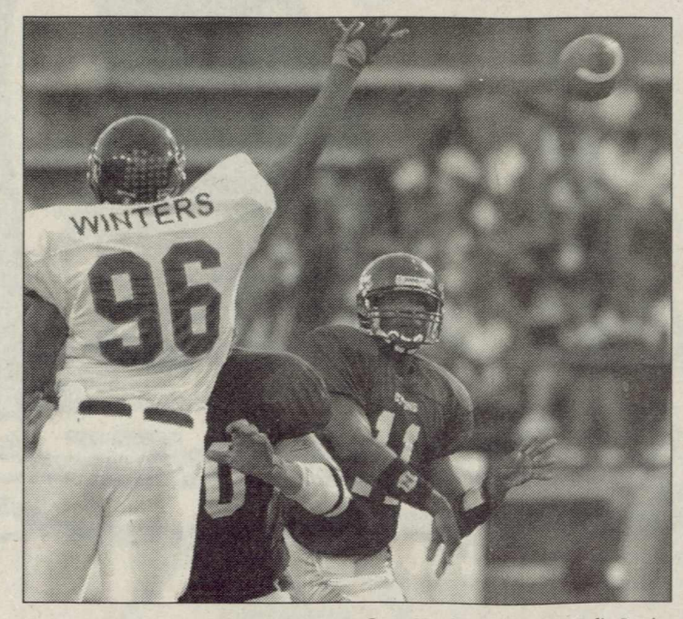
For the first time in three years, Northwestern State football players didn't share Thanksgiving dinner together, anticipating a Division I-AA playoff game on the last Saturday in November.

For head coach Scott Stoker, dating back to his days as an assistant at McNeese State, this week is the first time in eight years he's not been game-planning hoping to reach the national championship game.

"Forget about eating turkey, I feel like one," he said. "It's a miserable feeling. This is not something I want to go through again."

The Demons finished 6-6. After being ranked as highly as 11th in Division I-AA early in the season, Northwestern stumbled down the stretch, losing its last four. The first three defeats were close calls, notably a 13-9 loss at No. 1-ranked McNeese.

But the last one, a mortifying 44-14 loss last Saturday to rival Stephen F. Austin, left no room for doubt and plenty of questions rumbling through Stoker's gut.



Gary Hardamon / *NSU Media Service*
Demon quarterback Davon Vinson throws over an SFA defender in the last game of the season. The Demons lost 44-14.

"I'm so disappointed in the way we ended. There's a lot we have to iron out, a lot of lessons that we need to teach, and if we can progress, we have the opportunity to have a good team next year," he said late Wednesday, sitting in his office at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons should welcome back 17 of 22 starters. They could have as many as 53 letterwinners back -- 28 on offense, 21 on defense and four on special teams, lacking only deep snapper Seth Ortego there. Waiting in the wings is a talented group of redshirt freshmen.

Stoker is confident in the ability of the returning players. The key to a breakthrough 2004 season, he said, is the approach the players take when they return from Christmas break to begin off-season work toward spring practice in March.

"We're going to have good players back, and more good ones who have redshirted this season ready to play," he said. "As coaches, we have to get them in the right frame of mind consistently. We were beaten soundly in two games this year, at Northern Iowa (43-10) and by Stephen F. Austin.

Otherwise we could have won the other four -- a play here, a play there. There's really not much distance between the penthouse and the outhouse in this business and we saw that this season.

"Winning is an attitude. It's about your approach, day after day, and preparing to play on Saturdays a dozen times or so.

We fell way short twice, and we weren't as good as we needed to be four other times. It's a concern, a major issue. We're going to do some things in the offseason programs and in spring practice and all throughout the year next year to address it," said Stoker.

Whatever the 2004 Demons-in-training will be, they won't be complacent. And if Stoker's plan works, they'll be intensely competitive.

"Every job will be open. We've got starters back, but there are no guarantees. We'll see who the best guy is each and every day, and he'll be the starter," he said.

"I've never been big on the depth charts before now, but now we'll have a daily depth chart that the players will see. If you're going to be a starter, you've got to practice like it every day. Being one is going to mean something special.

I'll have the final call at each position to take a little pressure off the position coaches. They work so close to their players that they naturally get attached to them and at times, they may tend to give an edge to a guy who has been productive over the long haul over a guy who practiced better that day. I'll talk to the coaches and make the calls.

"I want the best ones out there, who bleed purple all the time. That's what we're after. Those guys will play. I

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NCAA Box Scores

NSU Womens Basketball (3-1)

Dec. 2, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Centenary (1-5)

NSU 76 - Centenary 70

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	43	33	**76**
CU	28	42	70

Nov. 29, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (1-3)

NSU 84 - TAMCU 58

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	38	46	**84**
MSU	36	22	58

Northwestern State vs. **DePaul** (2-0)

NSU 73 - **DSU 58**

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	31	42	73
DSU	46	63	**109**

Key Player:
Diamond Cosby
26 points vs. Centenary
Junior guard

NSU Basketball (1-4)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Jermaine Wallace
14 points vs. Centenary
Sophomore guard

Dec. 2, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Centenary (2-2)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	21	46	67
CU	44	46	90

Nov. 29, 2003
Northwestern State vs.
Northwestern (2-2)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NWST	26	35	61
NSU	29	40	69

Northwestern State vs. LSU-Shreveport (3-4)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	38	50	**88**
LSUS	38	42	80

This Just In

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Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Cosby named Player of the Week

Northwestern State guard Diamond Cosby has been named the Southland Conference Player of the Week for this past week of action.

The 5-8 junior from Doyline earned her first career player of the week award by averaging 24.5 points in two games while helping the Lady Demons to a 1-1 mark in DePaul's Moran Realty Classic over the weekend.

Cosby scored a career-high 32 points in an 82-80 win over Ball State in the opening round of the tournament, then followed that up with a 17 point, 7 assist game against DePaul.

Cosby sank 18-of-46 from the field while connecting on 10-of-12 from the free throw line.

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Professor loses over $4,000 in identity theft

By Patrick Feller
CLASS WRITER

Do you bid on EBay, use PayPal or shop online? Are you sure you know the risks involved?

Over the Thanksgiving break Dr. Thomas Petitjean, an assistant professor of English, fell victim to identity theft.

"Apparently, someone got a hold of my checking account routing number and account number and started using my PayPal to pay for things that they bought through EBay," Petitjean said.

Since the theft involved a bankcard instead of a credit card, Petitjean is responsible for all the charges to his account.

"It's unlike a charge card where with a charge card $50 is all you're responsible for, with a bank account you're responsible for everything. My entire last paycheck went towards that," Petitjean said.

In addition to being responsible for all charges to his account, Petitjean must also pay restitutions to the bank for the $1,000 his account was over-drafted, bringing the total loss to over $4,000.

Petitjean believes this

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Petitjean, English professor was a victim of identity theft.

Videtto named director of institutional research

Courtesy
NSU News Bureau

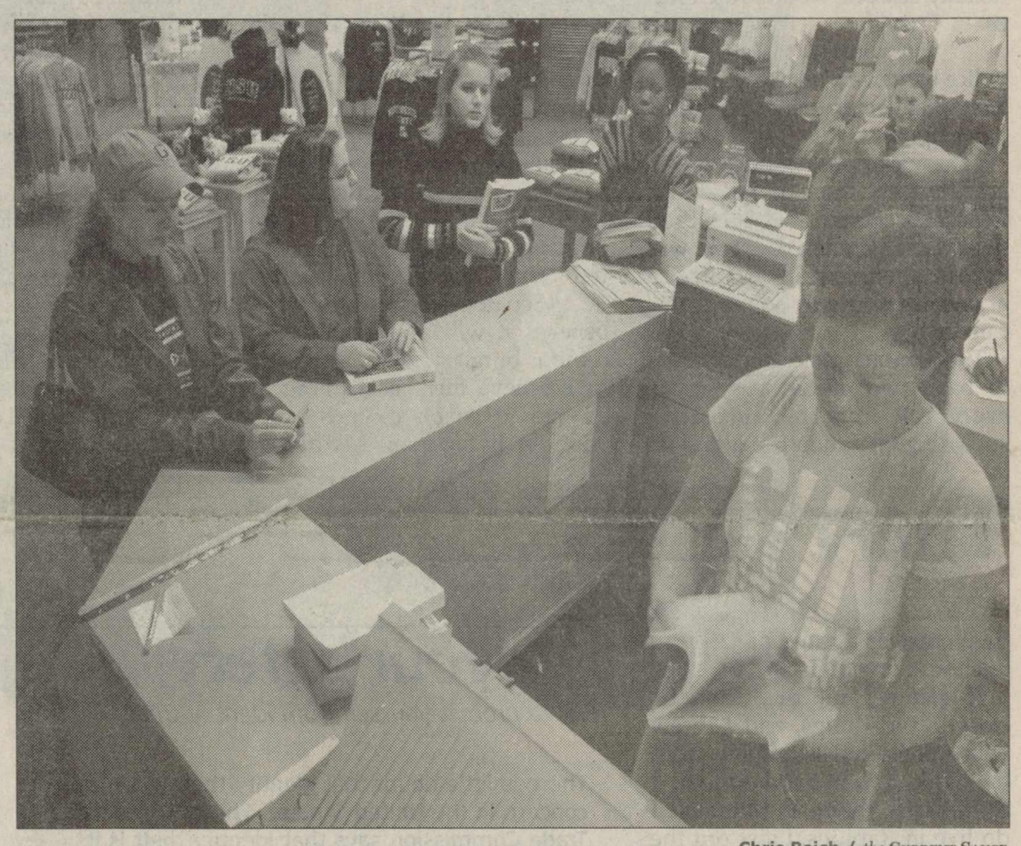
Jennifer Videtto has been named director of Institutional Research at Northwestern State University. Her duties will include compiling data on the university and handling internal and external requests for information.

Videtto is a graduate of West Virginia University. She also holds a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Louisville and has done additional work at the University of Texas-Tyler.

For the past 14 years, Videtto has worked in higher education. She has served as director of the Academic Advising Center for Undecided Majors at Stephen F. Austin State University, overseeing the startup of the Center by developing its services, job descriptions for staff and related activities.

Videtto was also assistant director of minority and women's engineering programs at the University of Missouri at Rolla. In that position, she developed a week-long introduction to engineering camp for high school students and selected scholarship recipients. Her duties also included assuming responsibility for the seamless transfer of students participating in three unique partnerships between corporations, community colleges

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Book buy back begins

(Front to back of line)Senior Kim Brammer, Tiffany Autin, and junior Shelia Davis wait in line to get cash for their books. University Bookstore cashier Lauren Fitts, a senior at NSU, inspects books for damages.

Finals Schedule

	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8	8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 8 a.m.MWF Class	8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 9 a.m.MW & MWF Class	8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 8 a.m.TR Class	8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 10 a.m.MWF & MW Class
9				
10				
11				
12	11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. All sections of Math 0910, 0920,1020, 1060	11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. 11 a.m. MW and MWF Class	11a.m.- 1:30 p.m. 11 a.m. TR Class	11a.m.- 1:30 p.m. 12 p.m. MW & MWF Class
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6	5:30p.m. - 8 p.m. All sections of CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080	5:30p.m. - 8 p.m. 3 p.m. MW and MWF Class, M night Class	5:30p.m. - 8 p.m. 4 p.m. MW & MWF Class, T night Class	
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Presidential Leadership Program starts new organization

By Thorn LaCaze
Class Writer

The Presidential Leadership Program students have started their own organization. The Presidential Leadership Alumni Association will be offered to current PLP students along with alumni of the program.

The PLP students are now in the process of writing bylaws and filing the necessary paperwork needed to be a recognized student organization.

Terria Alexander, instructor of the PLP and advisor to PLAA, said that the group should be ready to propose plans for the new organization in January.

Requirements for PLAA are current enrollment in a PLP class or completion of at least one semester of the program. A $10 fee will be collected from members each semester to help with projects and the purchase of materials.

"For nearly 20 years, the PLP program has helped freshmen become leaders on campus. PLAA will provide them the opportunity to broaden their leadership abilities into the community," Alexander said.

President of PLAA Dustin Dauzat said, "The service organization along with the energy of the class and executive board will bring in many incoming freshmen and alumni."

The PLP class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11a.m. in room 320 of the Student Union and offers a $600 scholarship.

What's Current?

NEWS

Street Closings

The University Police is shutting down all entrances onto campus on Dec. 20 at noon. The only entrance that will be open is the Caspari St. entrance. This is being done to deter campus crimes over the break. The barricades will be removed on Jan.4 2004. For more information please contact University Police at 5431.

Staff Reports

Final grades

Candidate final grades will be available by Dec. 16. Final grades will be available on Dec. 19 for regular students. Grades can be accessed by logging onto www2.nsula.edu or http://my.nsula.edu.

Staff Reports

DIVERSIONS

Original Music

The Wesley Foundation offers the Natchitoches community and NSU students a free gift this weekend.

"The Gift" is an original musical at College Avenue United Methodist Church playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Two NSU students, Jacob Justice and Hope Gilmore, wrote the script, and many members of the Foundation were involved in writing the music.

The birth of Jesus is portrayed through various genres of music. Most are original and some are parodies of today's popular songs.

Admission is free, but a love offering will be accepted.

Mandy Ward

NATIONAL NEWS/MEDICAL NEWS

Vaccine shortages not unusual

The U.S. flu vaccine shortage -one of seven vaccine shortages in the past two years -is just the latest symptom of an ailing national vaccination strategy, public health experts and two federal reports say.

"Our vaccine system is broke in that we're having these shortages," Frank Sloan, a Duke University health economics professor, said Wednesday as federal officials scrounged for more flu vaccine overseas in the midst of a serious influenza outbreak.

Last year, there were shortages of shots for diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough, measles-mumps-rubella, pneumococcal disease, tetanus and chicken pox. In late 2001 and early 2002, flu vaccine also was in short supply. The seven shortages disturb Sloan, who chaired a recent vaccine-policy study by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. The U.S. General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog arm, has identified additional shortages that required rationing.

While immunizations have improved public health dramatically, the Institute of Medicine study, released in August, cited numerous "warning signs" of problems with vaccinations. Those signs include "delays in reimbursement to health care providers for vaccine costs, shortages in the vaccine supply system, dwindling numbers of vaccine manufacturers in the United States, gaps in the coverage of recommended vaccines by private health plans and hesitation to recommend newly licensed vaccines because of concerns about higher costs."

Even before this year's flu-vaccine shortage, state and local health departments reported at least 49 instances in which shortages forced them to ration vaccines, GAO investigators found last year. The latest rationing is in Colorado, where doctors have been advised to give flu shots only to people in high-risk categories, including the young, old, chronically ill, health care workers or family members of those at risk.

Dr. Bruce Gellin, the director of the federal government's National Vaccine Program Office in Washington, said the current flu-vaccine shortage was a special case, caused by a sudden and unexpected massive demand for flu shots. In an interview, Gellin contrasted the surge with past years in which thousands of flu vaccine doses were thrown away unused.

He said the previous six shortages were due to supply problems.

But with an early and severe onset of flu, those stocks were drawn down quickly. It takes too long _ several months _ to make new doses, Gerberding said. All told, 185 million people in America are in "high risk" categories and should get shots, according to CDC recommendations.

KRT Services

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of thunderstorms	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy	Sunny
52°/45°	52°/38°	52/38°	60°/50°	65°/34°	62°/55°

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National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology, Lambda Alpha, formed

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

A chapter of the National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology, Lambda Alpha, has been formed at Northwestern State University. The NSU chapter, Gamma of Louisiana, is sponsored by Assistant Professor of Geography Dr. William F. Fagan.

The new honor society will operate in conjunction with the existing Anthropology Society at NSU.

"The students in the NSU anthropology society are active, interested and an energetic group and I thought they would benefit from being inducted into Lambda Alpha," said Fagan.

Lambda Alpha is a national honor society with over 100 chapters. It offers scholarships on a competitive basis. There are research grants available and the national society has a journal, the Lambda Alpha Journal. The publication encourages submissions by students by reserving 50 percent of its page space for articles authored by students.

The requirements for undergraduate students in Lambda Alpha are a minimum of 12 hours in anthropology with a 3.0 grade point average in anthropology and a 2. 5 grade point average overall. Graduate students must have an overall grade point average of 3.25.

"After this semester's charter's members, we will nominate qualified students through their association with or interest in the Anthropology Society," said Fagan.

There are ten student charter members: Shawna Atkins, Courtney Cloy and Joshua Martin of Natchitoches; Karen Yurk of Lexington, Texas; J.T. Stark of Sugartown; James Norment of Elgin, Texas; Jennifer Brock of Destrehan; Lucas Mayes of Bossier City; Greg Ellzey of Hornbeck and Kaitlin Deslatte of Centerville.

NSU Police Blotter

12-3-03
3:30 p.m.
Subjects came to the campus police station to file harassment charges on one another. They were getting loud, so an officer was called in to calm the situation.

5:42 p.m.
Baseball Coach Mitchell called to report that some of the players' wallets had been stolen from the locker room.

12-4-03
9:08 p.m.
A call was received from Franklin Parish about a runaway juvenile. A uniting was being sent to pick up the young lady, and officials asked NSU to detain the subject. Officers waited until the deputy arrived with the court order, but they maintained surveillance on the girl. She was released to a Franklin Parish deputy at 12:15 a.m.

12-5-03
9:45 a.m.
A call was made on a suspicious box in an elevator at Kyser. Nothing came of it.

12-6-03
10:36 a.m.
A student called and reported that their vehicle had been broken into in the Boozman parking lot. The back glass was shattered and a CD player was stolen.

11:34 a.m.
A student's car was broken into at the Columns.

10:03 p.m.
A female reported two suspicious males wandering around in the P.E. Majors parking lot, possibly attempting to break into cars. Everything checked out ok.

12-7-03
8:23 a.m.
Another vehicle was broken into in the Boozman parking lot. The driver's side window was shattered, but still in place in the window frame. There was property damage, but no entry was gained.

11:15 a.m.
A female and two males were spotted stealing buckets from behind TEC building lot 27. They were advised to leave campus.

Elizabeth Bolt

SGA plans for safer campus over winter break

By Brad Hartley
Sauce Reporter

The holiday season is finally here. The lights are twinkling on Front Street, holiday sale signs have begun to adorn shop windows. There has been mass burglary on campus.

NSU students as well as Faculty members have plans to thwart this holiday seasons would be Grinches.

According to last week's police blotter, six break-ins and one attempted break-in were reported on campus.

"The campus police were advised to be more thorough with their inspections," said SGA President Greg Comeaux, "but with only three officers allowed on duty at once there is only so much they can do."

The campus police are required to have two officers respond to every call from the dispatcher, spreading their numbers even thinner.

"Once we get the proper funding we will try to put another officer on campus," Comeaux said.

Comeaux said he would also like to put more emergency phones around campus.

"The current phone company we deal with is going out of business, so we are currently looking around for other arrangements," Comeaux said.

The SGA also have two bills awaiting President Webb's signature that may help deter criminal activity. One proposes securing all of the entrances to campus during the holiday break. Students and faculty would be admitted with proper identification. The bill was originally intended to deter drug trafficking, but the bill's sponsor, SGA Senator Mindy McConnell, believes it will also help prevent campus burglary.

"I believe there is no need for anyone to be on campus unless you're living or working," McConnell said.

The other bill, also proposed by McConnell, deals with the loitering problem outside of Iberville dining hall. According to the bill, the crowds in front of Iberville are unruly and display "pre-nightclub activity." McConnell said she has tried to pass this bill before but it was shot down, citing racial prejudice. However, in light of the three vehicular burglaries between Nov 7 and Nov 13 the bill has finally seen the light of day. It was passed by the SGA, and if approved by Webb, students will not be allowed to loiter in front of Iberville dining hall after 6 p.m.

Director of Student Services Frances Conine said, "I think both bills will be very effective in dealing with campus safety. A lot, if not most, of the people who committed crimes on campus are not students, and these bills will kind of weed them out," Conine said.

Conine also thinks the residential halls' staff are well-trained.

"We have a really good staff this semester. They caught a guy actually scaling a wall the other night at Rapides," Conine said.

Conine said the biggest difficulty on campus is breaking and entering. She also said the most important thing is to be aware of your environment. Students can do simple things such as locking their doors and not leaving possessions in their cars. They can even set up a neighborhood watch organization for their hall.

Residents at NSU dorms that leave their property in their room over the holidays must sign consent forms. The forms read that NSU can not be held accountable in the event of a theft or damage to the property left behind.

Assistant Coordinator of Residential Life Shelia Gentry said, "The forms also let the student know that it is a risk leaving your stuff in the dorms over the break. Everything is inventoried in the room and RA's check the rooms throughout the break for missing items or signs of break-ins."

New technology may also prove to be useful in personal safety on campus. Gentry said the cameras in the residential halls have been upgraded. They now produce full-color digital images. Over the Christmas break software will be installed in computers at the campus police station and residential life offices that is able to monitor the cameras at the dorms.

"I'm not really concerned with small mischievous acts on campus it's a college after all, and I want it to be an easy-going college environment. I'm more concerned with real crimes like burglary or sexual harassment," Gentry said.

Residence hall safety tips

- **ALWAYS** lock your door especially when you are in your room or leaving your room for an extended period of time.
- Keep our valuables in a safe place.
- Be discreet with your valuables.
- **NEVER** prop outside doors. This helps keep your building secure.
- **ALWAYS** walk on campus with another person, especially after dark.
- Be wary of strangers in the dormitory. If you don't know who someone is, ask your RA or desk worker.
- Always let someone know where you are going to be and when you'll be back.
- Stay close to lights and populated buildings when walking on campus at night.
- Keep track of your room key.

Source: NSU Residence hall flier

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theft came as a result of cleaning his house one night.

"I cleaned all the drawers, closets, and things, and I threw away all my old statements from the bank. I didn't shred them. I didn't burn them, and because I do live in Rapides, I just put the trash outside my door like I always do."

Petitjean believes someone may have used these statements to access his bank account.

This is not the first time Petitjean has seen identity theft. Last month his father became a victim when someone got his Discover card information.

Offering advice to anyone else who makes online purchases, Petitjean said, "When you're given the opportunity to leave a credit card on EBay, PayPal or any Internet vendor you may use, don't leave your credit card number online."

For your safety

How to protect yourself from identity theft

There is little doubt that identity theft is a major concern in the United States. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission says that identity theft is its number one source of consumer complaints. Studies show that 1 out of every 20 consumers has been a victim of credit card fraud in the past year and identity theft happens to 1 out of every 50. But even in an increasingly dangerous marketplace, there are still ways for consumers to protect themselves

Be very careful about to whom you give out personal identification information, such as your mother's maiden name and your Social Security Number, ask if it can be kept confidential. Inquire into how it will be used and with whom it will be shared.

Never provide any personal, bank account or credit card information to anyone who contacts you through a telephone solicitation. Instead, it is advisable to demand they mail you information so that you can further research the company and their products and services.

Keep items with personal information in a safe place. Keep a list of all credit cards, account numbers, expiration dates, and the customer service phone numbers in a secure place so that you can quickly contact your creditors in case your cards are lost or stolen.

Tear Up/Destroy all ATM and bank receipts, old insurance forms, bank checks, expired credit cards, and any other papers that include personal information, identification, and account numbers about you. This includes pre-approved credit card solicitations! Thieves oftentimes search through your garbage to find these forms and information and use it to apply for credit in your name.

Minimize the number of credit cards and other items with personal information printed on them that you carry. Cancel all inactive accounts. Even though you do not use them, those accounts appear on your credit report, which can be used by thieves.

Source: The New York State Office of the Attorney General)

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and the university.

She also worked as coordinator of undergraduate advising in the College of Business Administration at the University of Texas-Tyler. Videtto advised all new students in the college along with continuing students prior to their acceptance into the college. She also participated in recruiting fairs and worked with the university's Mexican Exchange Program.

Videtto was also a lecturer and adjunct lecturer at UT-Tyler and received Outstanding Faculty Recognition for three years. She was also named Outstanding Faculty Member by students in Alpha Chi.

Before working in higher education, Videtto was a production control manager and quality control engineer for General Electric Company for five years.

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Hazing charge cites water as a `deadly weapon'

Courtesy KRT Services

Eight men could face up to 20 years in prison on a charge that they assaulted Southern Methodist University fraternity pledges with an unusual deadly weapon: water.

In a Dallas apartment last month, Braylon Curry and another fraternity pledge were forced to drink hot sauce and gallons of water and were beaten with wooden paddles, authorities said.

Curry, an SMU junior, went into a coma, suffering from pulmonary edema, a condition in which water enters the lungs, and hyponatremia, a sodium imbalance brought on by excess fluid consumption, doctors said.

"If they refused to drink, if they stopped drinking, if they weren't drinking fast enough, they were beaten with paddles," said Bill Turnage, a deputy Dallas police chief in the northeast division.

Dallas police arrested three men Monday and have issued arrest warrants for five more connected with the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

SMU students Brandon Perry and Cornelius Smith were taken into custody in their dormitory rooms. A former member, Uche Kalu, 23, was arrested at his apartment.

One student who has not been arrested attends another area college, police said. The others are former members of the fraternity.

Hazing experts and attorneys said the case appears to be the first in Texas in which water has been considered a deadly weapon. The weight of the felony charges is unusual for hazing cases and could challenge the state's definition of "deadly weapon," they said.

"When the Legislature wrote that statement, they didn't know it was going to be used for water and for air," said Greg Westfall, a criminal defense attorney in Fort Worth. "We're seeing more and more folks getting creative with how high they can make the offense."

Texas law defines a deadly weapon as anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.

To prove their case, prosecutors will have to show that the fraternity members knew the dangers of drinking too much water.

SMU officials said the university had held an educational anti-hazing event the Friday before the Nov. 14 incident and published a half-page advertisement of Texas hazing law in the campus newspaper that day.

"They had prior knowledge that consuming that much water could cause death or serious bodily injury," Deputy Chief Turnage said.

In a similar incident in Plattsburgh, N.Y., 11 members of a State University of New York fraternity were charged with a combined 172 charges, ranging from conspiracy to criminally negligent homicide, after an 18-year-old student died from drinking excessive amounts of water through a funnel.

The students all pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of hazing. One student faces a year in jail, was expelled from the university and was ordered to pay thousands of dollars for an educational video on the dangers of hazing.

In Texas, vehicles, fists and pencils have been classified as deadly weapons.

"We have had cases in Texas before where items were declared deadly weapons, and I'm not really sure should have been," said Cynthia Orr of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

She pointed to a 2000 case in Austin in which a man was charged with giving cocaine to a minor 20 to 30 times. The court found that cocaine was not a deadly weapon because the man did not intend to injure the victim and because the minor ingested the cocaine voluntarily, she said.

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Far Above: Members of the NSU band wore festive hats during the parade. Above:Crowds gather down by the river during the festival Saturday afternoon. Right:Kimberly Eppler, a junior anthropology major and handler for Bayou Pierce Alligator Park, holds Little Al in front of a booth where people could get their picture taken with an alligator.

Column

Surprise! I'm the *new* editor

First, I would like to start off by introducing myself to those of you who do not already know me. I am the new editor in chief of *your* student newspaper.

After Garrett Guillotte resigned, I applied for the position and was recommended by the Media Board and then approved by the Student Government Association.

I would like to thank the Media Board for recommending me and also the SGA for approving me.

This semester will be hopefully a little different than last semester, but the main look that the paper has had will stay the same.

One change that we are going to make will include the return of the crossword puzzle located on the Diversions page. I am also going to attempt to bring back the editorial board (insert horror movie music here) even though it caused a bit of controversy last semester. Overall, I am here to make sure a quality product is produced.

One of the best things about being editor is that I have a wonderful staff that helps put of the paper each week. This is a group effort and I could not do this without help from each staff member. I am not going to pretend that I am infallible, because I will make mistakes, and its inevitable that people are going to always be upset.

Right now, it is 3 a.m. on Wednesday night I am re-designing the entire paper. I had the paper finished around midnight. The computer crashed and I was left with a completely empty paper. I apologize now if the *Sauce* is not up to standard this week. This is one of the many things I will learn how to deal with as editor.

On a more positive note:

Please feel free to contact me at the *Current Sauce* office if you have and story ideas, questions, comments, concerns or suggestions. I will listen and take into consideration what you have to say.

Thanks for reading, have an enjoyable break and don't forget to pick up a copy in the spring.

"Get sauced every Thursday."

Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief

WANTED: Columnists and Cartoonists

If you are interested in being an editorial columnist or cartoonist for the 2004 spring semester please let us know.

Email currentsauce@nsula.edu for more information.

Happy Holidays

From the *Sauce* staff

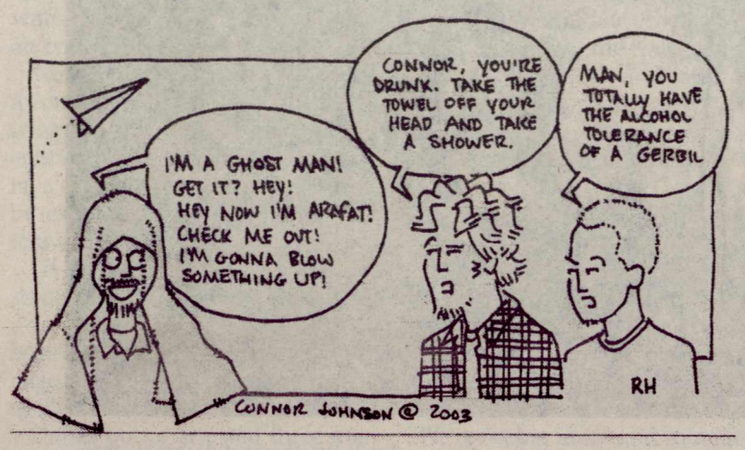


My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over.

-Gerald Ford

On succeeding Richard M Nixon as president

Sketch By Connor Johnson



Letters to the Editor

Alumnus suggests adding job assistance to web site

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to Alumnus Ron Kern regarding the availability of job assistance at NSU. The Counseling and Career web site does have information regarding two job assistance offices on campus – Career Services (for alumni) and Job Location & Development (for current students). The web site is still being developed and we hope to be able to allow for employer electronic registration at some point in the future. Electronic job postings are available to students who have signed up for the Career Services mailing list or who have enrolled with JLD services. We would be very interested in working with Alumni who wish to hire NSU students for part-time or seasonal employment and/or full-time career employment. Both offices may be reached by calling (318) 357-5621. Alumni, students, and potential employers are also encouraged to come to the offices located in room 305 of the Student Union for additional information. Appointments are also available for assistance with resume and portfolio preparation and other job search assistance. Thank you for the chance to reply.

Jeri Wright, JLDO

NSU student responds to Sharp editorial

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to this week's rebuttals of NCHS student Donna Sharp's opinion of NSU students. To begin, I want to commend Mr.Knight and Ms.Wempren for taking time out of their busy schedules to publically remark on their feelings toward the obviously narrow perception about NSU students.

It is true that someone cannot form a credible view of our diverse college population from observing a select few acting their worst. College is probably the most diverse setting most of us will ever be a part of. A huge range of economic statuses, ages, personalities, and levels of maturity exist in our subculture that is Northwestern State University. Although some of these areas differing from our own may annoy us from time to time, we should all feel priveliged to have the opportunity to be exposed to such diversity and therefore gain a better understanding of the world.

I think Ms.Wempren's letter is commendable in that it was in respect to Ms. Sharp; she corrected the high school student maturely. Her letter states and backs up facts concerning the subject at hand, while refraining from personal attacks. In my opinion, it was a very well-written editorial letter. It sets a good example for Ms.Sharp, and represents the high level of maturity held by an ample amount of students here at NSU that Ms.Sharp was apparently unaware of.

As for Mr.Knight's letter, I do not believe it to be a response done in the proper manner. (Please do not take this the wrong way, Mr.Knight.) You have every right to be appalled at Ms.Sharp's false opinion, but the proper way to respond would have been to leave out the personal attacks. I am referring to such statements as: "you...probably can't accomplish 1/4 of what I have" and "McNeese sounds like a good school for your ignorance and stupid email address". Obviously, you are far from an immature, childish person. If you were, you could not maintain the accomplishments you have, i.e. the challenging courses, good grades, extracurricular activities, and work; of these you should be very proud. I am disappointed in the way you responded, because the above-mentioned phrases make your letter sound immature. You have a good point to make, but the personal attacks on this girl, I assume you do not know personally, took away from the effectiveness of your opinion. I constructively criticize you with the utmost respect from one student to another. I hope that next time you will more carefully choose your responses so that your maturity is not falsely represented. Hopefully your letter has broadened Ms.Sharp's scope, and the response to her letter shows that not as many NSU students as she thought are immature and irresponsible.

Carla James
Sophomore, FACS-Nutrition major

NCHS students respond to Sharp editorial

We would like to extend our sincere apology for the harsh and senseless letter from one of our fellow students. This is a large school with well over 1200 students, and we're not sure why Ms. Sharp took it upon herself to represent the entire student body, but we would like you to know that she most certainly does not. NCHS works well with NSU. Our broadcasting program is aired on NSU 22, and our journalism students have, in the p used NSU's equipment to put out our school newspaper. We a sure that NSU has students who a mature as well as students who are immature, but gue what, so do we. What school do n't? We feel that Ms. Sharp's letter was inappropriate an unnecessary, as well as unfounde We hope you accept our apologies and do not let one pe son's letter color your opinion o our high school.

Respectfully your
Lakin LaCo
Krystal Tutt
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NCHS Studen

NSU student responds to Race story

Dear Editor

This is Alicia Cranston. I am freshman here at NSU. I felt the the column about race on campu along with my picture (I was on of the white girls in the pictur did not give the entire story. If th photographer had gotten the entir picture, he would have seen that was with two other black friend I don't agree with what the pictur was insinuating about my stand o racism. I am not a racist and am appalled by the fact that racism has to be such a big issue at thi school. I think that if my pictur was going to be taken, I should have been interviewed. I think the photographer needs to use bette discretion when taking pictures fo articles on such touchy subjects

Sincerely
Alicia Cranston

Column

Student involvement creates knowledge

Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

During my three semesters at NSU, I believe that it is safe to say that I have become a very active member of our student body. Through my involvement with the Sauce and my other extracurricular activities, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people. I have also developed a general knowledge of what is happening on campus.

With the humblest tone possible, I would like to say that it saddens me to see that a lot of NSU students cannot claim the same achievements as I. I have noticed that way too many students do not get involved on campus and that the extent of their presence on campus is going to class. When all you do is go to class and go home, a lot of opportunities can pass you by.

During my first semester, I was more or less guilty of the same thing. Like many freshmen, I was very shy and intimidated by the transition into college life. During this time, I did not develop socially, and I found myself spending most of my time in my dorm room studying. I had really good grades, but I was not happy.

The most important piece of advice I can give freshmen is get involved on campus as soon as you can. Joining organizations and attending campus events will definitely accelerate your social development. I have met the majority of my friends through my extracurricular activities, not the classes I was in. Also, joining organizations will help you to become less clueless about what is going on around campus.

I have also found that it is important for students to get involved in organizations related to their departments. I am a journalism major, so I have gotten involved in my department through the Sauce and the Society of Professional Journalists. I would encourage Spanish students, for example, to join the Spanish Club and sociology students to join the Sociology Club. Virtually every department on campus sponsors student organizations for their students to get involved with.

Finally, if you are motivated by nothing else, it is possible to get monetarily compensated for your involvement on campus. For example, the student media, the SGA and the SAB all offer significant scholarships to their prominent members.

As I take my new position as managing editor of the Sauce, I think of how being involved on campus has paid off for me. Hard work and dedication opens the door to better opportunities for everyone.

Elaine Broussard is the managing editor of the Current Sauce. Her opinions are not those of the Current Sauce, its staff, or adviser. To respond to her column, e-mail currentsauce@nsula.edu.com

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Website review

Crafts of Christmas

★★★★ (out of five)

T'was a week before Christmas, and a college student was broke.

Book buy back did not go well, and the family was just being cheap. A college student wandered in hopes of finding cash to buy his family a Christmas treat, but there wasn't a penny in sight, not even on Front Street.

So, the college student looked to the Internet to search for the answer in a click and found a web site on crafts that seemed really quick.

The web site was entitled www.make-stuff.com and there was some interesting stuff. The site had crafty things that every college student had around the house. The college student rejoiced because he found bookmarks, baskets, wreaths, ornaments and more to create from stuff he had just sitting there in his apartment.

Crafty ideas for Christmas from make-stuff.com

CRIPS & SCRAPS WREATH
You will need:

* 7 CD's
* Hot glue and white craft glue
* Christmas florals, scraps from other projects, ribbon, etc.
* Acrylic paint - red, green, gold (optional)

Use one of the CDs for the center of your wreath. Glue the other CDs around the edge, overlapping slightly. I used a combination of white glue and hot glue. If you prefer, you could use any circular form, made of wire or flat cardboard.

Paint a design on the CDs if you like. The large wreath here was painted with red around the outer rims of each CD, gold around the inner rims, and a squiggle of green in each center. The acrylic paint goes on rather thin, so I used two coats in some places. It might work better to use oil paint, but oil takes longer to dry.

Just about anything can be used to decorate your wreath. Use things that are colorful, sparkle, or are just pleasing to your eye. All the things on this wreath were scrips and scraps from other projects - bits of ribbon, pine cones, coiled red chenille... I never throw anything away.

Customized Gift Baskets

You can turn any basket into a great special occasion gift - baskets with a personalized "theme" will always be a big hit. There are so many different ways to decorate a basket, there's really no limit to what you can do with a simple basket, some ribbon and a few decorations.

Suggested Materials:

* Wicker basket with handle
* Hot glue gun
* Ribbon
* Dried or silk flowers, leaves, etc.
* Thin wire
* Wire cutters
* Needlenose pliers
* Stuff to put in the basket

Tips for decorating:

Use silk flowers for baskets to be used in a bathroom - they'll be less susceptible to water/moisture damage than dried flowers.

Decorate the basket with ribbon! Measure a length of ribbon to go around the lip of the basket. Twist it into a narrow rope and glue it around the rim. You can also wind matching ribbon around the handle, securing the ends with dabs of hot glue.

I like to buy silk flowers that have multiple stems and then separate them, snipping off to the lengths I want with wire cutters. Use wire to hold them in place, and hot glue where needed.

Line the inside of the basket with plastic wrap, tissue, straw or

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Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

Dave Stabley, owner of Game Fu, is the man with a variety of card games, video games and other collectable items.

Let the games begin

By Christal Navarre
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There's a new store in town, and it is "the dojo of all games."

Game Fu, located at 411-A Bienville next to Causey's pharmacy, offers a wide variety of merchandise. They buy, sell and trade used and new video games ranging from pre-Nintendo to the latest systems like the Playstation 2 and Xbox. They also sell collectable card games like Magic: The Gathering, and RPGs like Dungeons and Dragons. If you are an anime fan, they offer DVDs, wall scrolls, T-shirts, and other collector's items.

Game Fu owner Dave Stabley said they do something many stores don't: they special order anything.

"We really want to get it through that this is more than just a store that you walk in to and buy, and then leave. We are more community-oriented, and not just another Wal-Mart," Stabley said.

Stabley also said that his prices beat Sam Goody and Wal-Mart, by at least $2-$3.

Game Fu is currently open Monday thru Saturday from 10-7 p.m., and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. due to zoning, but Stabley said this will change next semester. Because of zoning problems, they are limited in the hours the store can be open, and it also prevents them from gaming.

After the area is rezoned, the store's hours will change to 12 p.m. 12 a.m., and Stabley said it will start to have events such as 'Anime Night' where everyone can join them in watching anime on the 60-inch television. People will also be able to come in and play collectable card games for hours. Stabley said they have to game at other places, and had their first Magic game night last Friday at the Tin Cup on Fourth Street.

Stabley is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where there were already 15 competitors open. He said he opened Game Fu in Natchitoches because he could offer something that people here could not get anywhere else in town. Customers' ages vary as much as their merchandise, from seven years old to 70."People think I'm this big corporate store, and I'm not. I'm just me," Stabley said.

Game Fu also has a website at www.gamefu.net. The site has chat rooms, forums, video game hints and even live cameras that show what is going on inside the store. Game Fu can be reached at 357-8828.

Helping Hands:

Helping the community during Christmas season

By Tasha N. Braggs
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An NSU organization gives back to the less fortunate in the Natchitoches community.

Helping Hands, a student organization out of the office of Student Support Services, are donating gifts to the Cane River girl's home in Natchitoches Thursday.

"We held several different fundraiser, such as bake sales and raffles, to buy toys and supplies for the girls home," co-secretary Robert Harrison said.

The organization will donate toys and other arts and crafts to the group home. President James Jamison said the group wanted the girls to have fun and have a brighter Christmas.

Jamison said,"We decided to donate to the group home because we did the Boys and Girls Club last year and gave gift bags to the elderly home on Halloween."

"We wanted to do something different," Jamison said.

Aside from giving to others during the Christmas season, the group is also responsible for sponsoring the black history program on campus and other community service projects.

"The organization tries to set small goals to give back to those who lack in the community," Harrison said.

"We, (the officers) from our personal backgrounds, wanted to change Natchitoches," Jamison said.

Helping hands is scheduled to hold its third annual black history program Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

The organization meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

For more information contact the advisor Shawanda Woods or Jamison at 357-5901.



Special to the Sauce

(From left) Michael Holmes, Vice President Samantha Maxie, Treasuer Remelle White, secretary Robert Harrison and President James Jamison preparing the Christmas bag to deliver to the Cane River girl's home.

Gala 2003: The gift of Christmas



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

From left, Danielle Laurent performing as Mistletoe, and Sarah Jessica Rhodes performing as Garland in the South Pole Plot.



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Ross Schexnayder, performing as Dud from the South Pole Plot.



Fashionable Focus

Janie Warren

Coats etc.

'Tis the season… Christmas is just around the corner, and now is the time to sport those lovely coats and accessories.

The holidays bring the best weather to "cuddle" in. Coat trends are extremely abundant this season, and they make any clothing ensemble look magnificent.

Faux shearling coats and jackets look great with jeans. These jackets can dress up practically any outfit because they have a luxurious look and a great texture.

Suede is popular this season as well. Suede gives an outfit a rich appearance. Long, knee-length suede coats can definitely accentuate any look.

Of course, one can never go wrong with leather. Ranging from motorcycle to funnel neck style coats, leather is warm, snazzy and sophisticated.

Swing coats that flare a bit at the bottom and shawl-collar coats are quite flattering for dressier occasions.

Coats can be so much fun when paired with an outfit. Keep in mind that any type of leather trim belt or wrap looks great with material-made coats.

Coats paired with the right outfit, shoes and accessories can quickly draw positive attention.

Accessories also make any ensemble noticeable. This season, don't be afraid to match colorful accessories with your outfits; just be sure they coordinate with each other. Match a black turtleneck and jeans with a classy leather coat and a white scarf and gloves. The right color combinations can really tell a lot about you!

Also, jewelry can definitely dress up or make an outfit chic. Whether your preference is silver or gold, don't forget to shine!

Purses, shoes and belts are important when considering accessories as well. There are so many selections out there that can complement your perfect look. Stiletto boots, round or pointed toe loafers and stretch and knee-high boots have all made their way into the fashion world. Matching purses and belts with shoes is an intriguing task as well because of the numerous styles that exist.

This season, have fun with your holiday apparel. Don't be afraid to try new looks, and use color! Have a safe and very merry Christmas!

Single Guy

Eric Edwards
KRT Campus

Divorce baggage shrinks to manageable size

The older you get, the more baggage you carry. At least, that's the prevailing theory among single people in search of the perfect match.

When two people in their early 20s get together, it's likely that their pasts aren't going to be the reason they may not want to continue seeing each other.

As the years wear on, however, people acquire habits, affectations and even relationships that are not necessarily consistent with the way they want to be viewed by society.

Of course, baggage means different things to different people: Some people are loath to hang out with a smoker; some stay away from people with family problems and some insist that anyone they date must drive a Lexus.

The most famous piece of baggage throughout history is divorce. There was a time when divorce was a word that was so taboo, it was only whispered at parties.

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"City of lights"

Another year of fun and festivities

Right: Shriners from the parade wave to the crowd. Below:Fireworks blast in the air. Far below:People watch as the fireworks explode on Front Street during the Festival.



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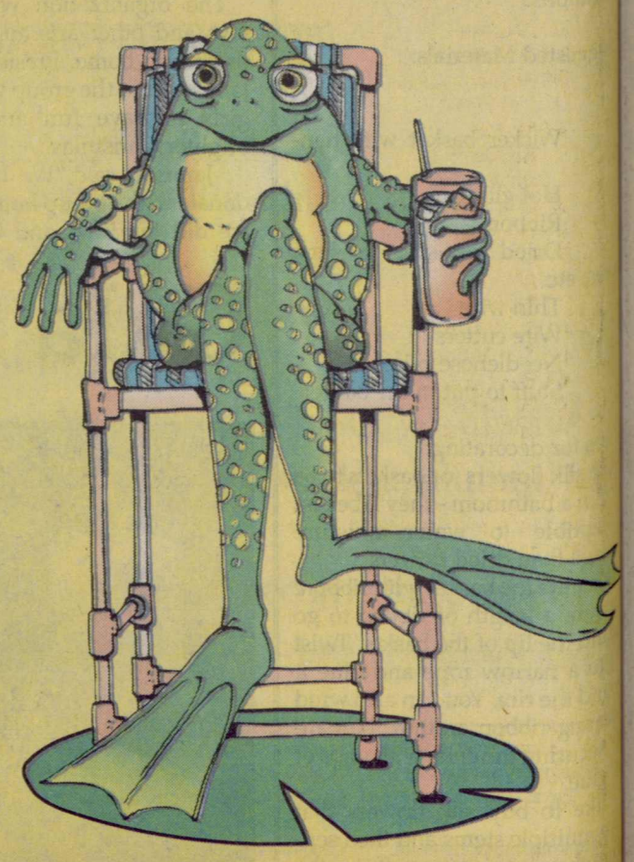
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What is your favorite CD of 2003?



Ne'Kedra Young, sophomore nursing major
Maegan Jordan, freshman nursing major
Anitra Page, sophomore social work major
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"BEYONCE because a lot of people thought the CD wasn't going to be good because she was with Destiny's Child. She turn things around, and we listen to her everyday. She also sings about a lot of things you can relate to."



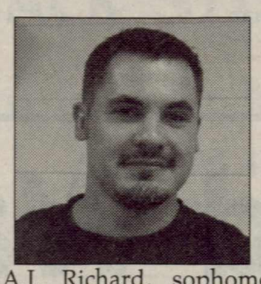
Candyce West, sophomore journalism major

"Beyonce (album entitled 'Dangerously in Love') because she is unique and doesn't care what anyone else says. She stands out from any other artists."



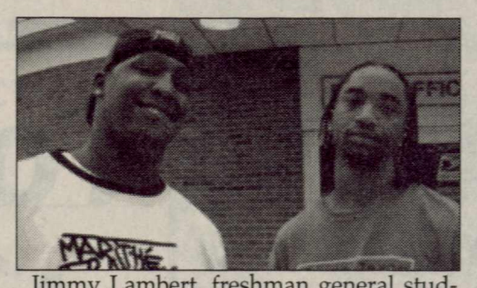
Jessica Andries, sophomore psychology major

"AudioSlave (self-titled album) because it is a mixture of heavy metal, rock, and ballads."



A.J. Richard, sophomore criminal justice major

"Trapt (self-titled album). There are a few good songs on the CD. My favorite is Headstrong."



Jimmy Lambert, freshman general studies major
Bradley Ledet, sophomore therapeutic recreation major

"Zero (self-titled album) because he talks about life."

Charlie Brown visits Varnado Hall before Christmas

By Elizabeth Bolt
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Varnado Hall held a Christmas ball for the first time in four years. This year's theme was "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Ball coordinators Britton Faucon and Erica Guidry, said that when they found out it was something that had been done in the past, they wanted to bring it back. Proceeds from the ball went to the Cane River Girls Home Wish List and Toys for Tots.

Circle K, which helped coordinate the Cane River Girls Home Wish List, sponsored a dinner before the ball.

In order to be granted admission to the ball, attendees had to bring an item from the wish list, a toy or a minimum donation of five dollars.

Guidry said, "I think a lot of our girls were excited to benefit a charity. Residents still donated even though they didn't attend."

Junior elementary education major Lindsay Yule coordinated decorations and collected monetary contributions from businesses around town.

Yule said, "I know now that it's going to take a lot more to plan. We've been running our heads off all week, but it has come together pretty nicely."

KNWD provided the music. Door prizes were given out for general trivia questions about the University and Peanuts cartoons.

The Varnado maintenance staff and other University staff members were invited to the ball in order to honor them for the things they have done for Varnado residents throughout the semester.

Graduate student Heather Richardson, who has attended four of the six Varnado balls said, "This is the best one they've ever had!"

Guidry said, "Hopefully, this is something that will carry on to the next generation of staff."

Downloading in 10 steps

By Heather Newman
KRT Campus

If you want to buy songs online and listen to them, here's how it works in 10 (mostly) easy steps:

Step 1: Visit a site that sells digital music files.

Step 2: Download and install their software, if necessary.

Step 3: Shop.

Step 4: Decide whether to buy a single or an album.

Step 5: Click the Buy button to download the songs.

Step 6: If you want to listen to the music on your PC, fire up the software that came with the site and hit play. Or open Windows Media Player, Real Player or the music program of your choice and tell it where you put the downloaded files. You're ready to rock `n' roll; skip to Step 10.

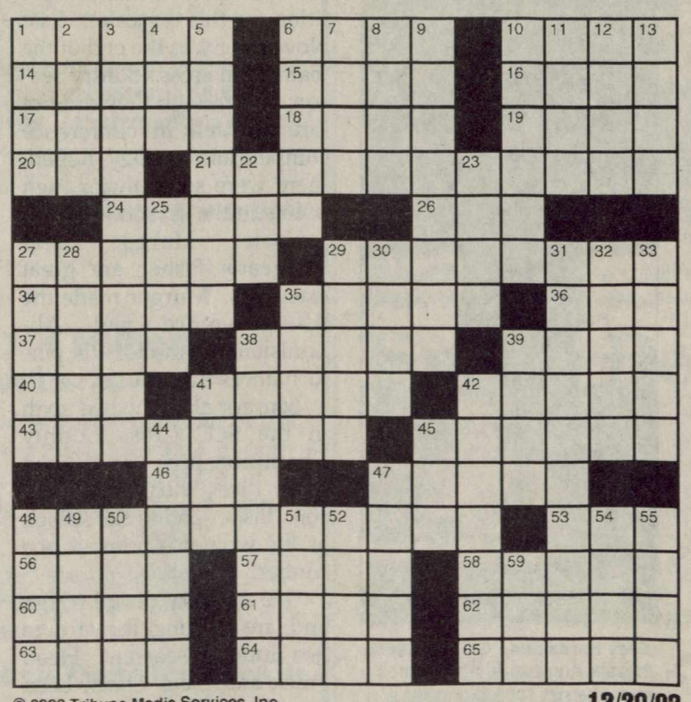
Step 7: If you want an audio CD, use the site's software to make one _ or use a commercial music software program if the site doesn't have its own software. Use the instructions built into the software. Head to Step 10.

Step 8: If you want to use a portable player and the files are in a format your player can handle, use the site's software or the program that came with your player to load the tunes. Skip to Step 10.

Step 9: If you want MP3 files because that's what your portable player likes, but the service you chose uses Windows Media Audio (WMA) or Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) files like these four sites do, you've got an additional, irritating step. Make an audio CD, then use a music software program like Windows Media Player or MusicMatch Jukebox to rip the tracks back off to your hard drive as MP3 files. Now you can do what you want with them.

Step 10: Listen and enjoy.

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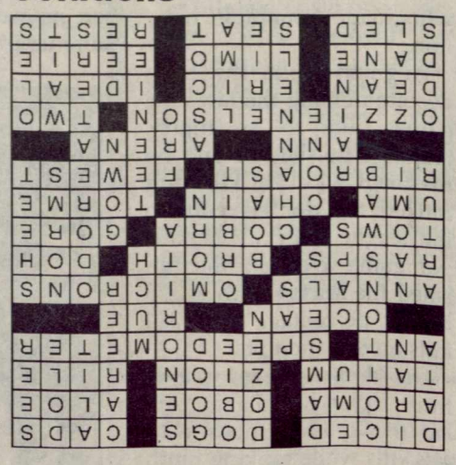
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Solutions



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While there might still be a slight taboo, the divorce rate has been so high for so long that I wonder if there's any American over the age of 5 who doesn't know at least three divorced people. Yes, divorced people can have personal problems, but it really doesn't involve the rest of us. Recently, a divorced man told me that his post-divorce romantic life is dramatically better than his pre-marriage dating life. So, is it better to be divorced in your 30s than it is to have never been married?

Most single people of that age group recognize that they are not married because the right person never came along. But these same folks sometimes fail to transfer that evaluation to other singles. More often, they ask themselves what's wrong with someone who is of a certain age but has never been married. Is she impossible to live with? Is he addicted to crack?

Whatever it is, people in the dating market are often less inclined to invest serious time in someone they feel is old enough to have been married but for one reason or another hasn't.

But someone who has been married and divorced can simply claim youthful indiscretion and our society seems inclined to forgive them more than for a failure to make a commitment.

Because men are often derided for their inability to commit, having been divorced allows a man to say, "Look, I tried. It just didn't work out, but at least I am good enough to get someone to say yes when I ask."

The fact that getting married and then divorced shows no more sign of commitment than those who stay single is a concept foreign to many people in the dating trenches.

I'm not convinced that divorced folks hold the upper hand in the dating world, but I do feel that in the baggage department, divorce once represented a hefty suitcase. Now that luggage has been reduced to a duffel bag that fits easily in the overhead compartment.

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colored confetti. Then fill the basket with stuff!

Top Two Baskets to Decorate on a Budget

The Ultimate Chocolate Basket: A package of hershey's bars, triple fudge brownies, better than sex chocolate cake, red velvet torte, chocolate truffles, german chocolate brownies, 3 different types of fudge, chocolate syrup, yoo-hoo in the can, a few boxes of chocolate pudding, and chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate/fudge butter cookies, homemade hot cocoa powder and a box of cocoa krispies.

Breakfast Basket - Fill a basket or a large juice pitcher with gourmet pancakes mixes, 2 or more gourmet coffees, jams, spatula, wooden spoon, mugs, maple syrup, maple candies, and your favorite breakfast recipes.

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The Way I See It

Duke & the BCS

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All right everyone, let's forget about LSU for five seconds. Everyone knows the Tigers will choke in the Sugar Bowl, so let's talk about something more important: Northwestern State University. I know everyone is going home for the holidays, but I suggest you hang around until after Dec. 20.

Why Dec. 20? Because on that day both NSU basketball teams are playing in the Home for Christmas Classic at the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City. The Lady Demons square off against the Duke Blue Devils and the Demons face off against Troy State. This is huge for NSU. It 's not every year the Demons get a chance to play Duke and Troy State. The Duke match up is a dream come true for the Lady Demons.

The Lady Blue Devils are nationally ranked fourth and are currently 5-1 in the season while the Lady Demons are starting the season on a hot streak and are currently 4-1 in the season. This exciting match-up is a homecoming for Lady Blue Devil Alana Beard, who is a Shreveport native and went to Southwood High School. Beard helped lead Duke to the NCAA Final Four last season and was named ESPN.com's national Player of the Year, the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year and ACC Female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2002-03.

Right now La'Terrica Dobin is injured, but the Lady Demons are still rolling along without her. Dobin is slated to return, so I look to her to create a spark for the Lady Demons to pull off the upset. Go Demons!

I am still in shock at the mess the Bowl Championship Series created this season. Everyone knows it should be USC vs. LSU. I think if you do not win your conference then that team should not play for a national title. The best option for the BCS is a playoff system, but the hard-headed guys wearing suits that reside over the BCS will not talk about a playoff system. Those greedy owners just love the money. To make matters worse, the owners only allow six conferences to play in BCS bowl games.

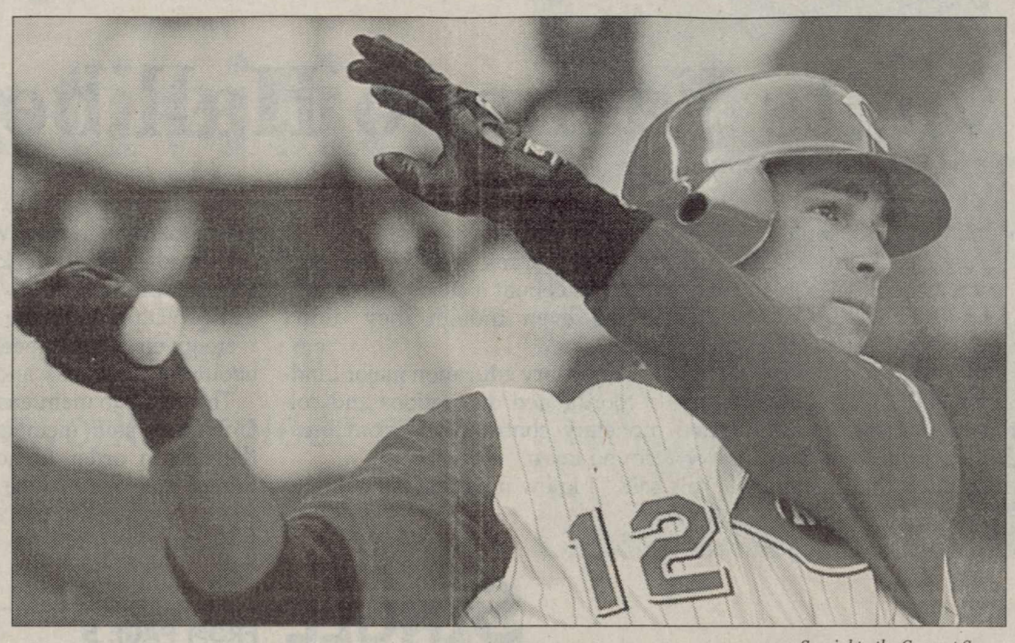
This is not fair for the mid-conference teams. How is it fair that Kansas is 6-6 and gets a bowl game but Northern Illinois finishes 10-2 and beats three teams from a BCS conference but cannot get a bowl game? There should be more bowls for the mid-conferences. A playoff would solve all of these problems. Every conference winner is in and then fill in the rest with wild card spots.

I suggest that fans should watch the early games like TCU vs. Boise State and Miami (Ohio) vs. Louisville. These two games should be exciting and show what the mid-conferences are made of.

Go watch the Classic; you never know what will happen. Oh, and Oklahoma will win 31-20 over the LSU Tigers.

Todd Walker speaks on steroids and free agency

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Special to the Current Sauce
Todd Walker swings for the fences while batting for the Cincinnati Reds in 2001. Walker is currently a free agent after being with the Boston Red Sox for two seasons. Walker is a native of Shreveport.

Former LSU Baseball star and former Boston Red Sox player Todd Walker served as the 2003 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade grand marshal this past Saturday.

Walker said he was happy to be in Natchitoches and it was nice to be at home. He also said it was nice to be in a city like Natchitoches because of its history with the Christmas Festival.

"We used to talk about the lights all the time when I lived in Shreveport," Walker said. "I haven't been able to come as much as I would like but it feels good to be back in Natchitoches."

Walker is a former Bossier City resident and he went to Airline High School. After high school Walker went to LSU where he had an All-American career. At LSU, Walker was the first Tiger in LSU history to hit .400 for a season. He also played for Team USA before going pro.

Walker then made his big league debut in 1996 with Minnesota, was traded in 2000 to Colorado and then to Cincinnati in 2001. He has played in 749 major league games. In 2002, Walker joined the Boston Red Sox.

Walker established his name in the major leagues with his play in the 2003 playoffs with the Red Sox. He hit a record five postseason home runs in Boston's push towards the World Series.

The Red Sox lost in Game 7 to the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. In the regular season, he hit .283 with 13 home runs and a career-high 85 RBI.

Before the parade, Walker had a press conference where he talked about his former team, Alex Rodriquez, Curt Schilling, being a free agent and the steroid scandal in Major League Baseball.

Walker said that his friend, General Manager Theo Epstein, would probably not trade for Alex Rodriquez. He also said that players these days are driven by marketing and money.

"You can't win in baseball with a position player for that much money," Walker said. "It comes down to the money and Boston does not have the money to afford A-Rod."

Walker also said that the Curt Schilling trade for Boston was a good move, just not that good. He said that players like Schilling make more money off their names and that Boston should have gotten a younger pitcher, like Mark Prior.

"Curt is a lot like Roger Clemens, he has a hard straight fastball and a split-finger that can strike out batters if he gets ahead," Walker said.

Walker said he enjoyed playing in the biggest rivalry in baseball, when the Red Sox and Yankees squared off in the post season.

"It was hyped up more than I felt as a player," Walker said. "I was aware of how dramatic the rivalry was in game 7 of the ALCS."

Walker also discussed the steroid scandal in baseball.

"It is proven to help enhance baseball players but it is known to cause harmful side-effects that could hurt a players' career," Walker said. "It also puts everyone else, like myself, that does not take steroids on an uneven playing field."

Walker said that a player's career could be shortened because of steroid use and for years some baseball players have taken that risk and that it is up to the individual to take such risk. He also mentioned that MLB would start to impose more penalties this season after finding out that over the 5% threshold of players takes steroids.

Walker also mentioned that he would be a free agent soon. He has talked to different clubs and looks to head to somewhere else.

He said he will miss playing in Boston and it was well known that he wanted to go back to the club, but it did not work out.

"Hopefully, I can move on and to a new team and win a World Series championship with them," Walker said.

Taking a look back at the fall season

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NSU Football 2003

Among the Demon sports teams, the Demon football team was possibly the most followed this season.

Most students followed the Demons through their 87-27 win against Southeastern Louisiana and 59-0 shutout over Oklahoma Panhandle State, but many fans dropped off after the Demon's harsh homecoming loss to the Nicholl's State Colonels.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
Derrick Johnese, leading rusher for the Demons, jumps for the endzone.

Fans watched in awe as the Demons ranked as high as 11th in the nation with a 6-2 record and fell in shame as they lost their final four games. The Demons ran through teams like Jackson State and Delaware State, but fell short to conference teams Sam Houston State and McNeese State in conference.

This may be because of the Demon's unbalanced schedule as conference play proved to be more difficult than the rest of the season.

Overall, the Demon offense played well as Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson rushed for 989 yards and 728 yards respectively. Sophomore quarterback Davon Vinson and freshman wide receiver Derrick Doyle also put up good numbers this season.

Vinson passed for 1,541 yarda with eight touchdowns and only four interceptions while Doyle proved to be his go-to guy with 487 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior linebacker Jamall Johnson led the defense in tackles with 119 while sophomore defensive back David Pittman led in interceptions with four for 118 yards. Johnson was named Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year award due to his play on the field this season.

Overall, the defense allowed 29 touchdowns, but still held strong causing 18 fumbles, 14 interceptions and blocking six kicks.

NSU Soccer 2003

The Lady Demons finished this past season on a disappointing note, losing in the first round of the Southland Conference Tournament 4-1 against the University of Louisiana Monroe Lady Indians.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
NSU Soccer player Brittany Hung was nominated to honorable mention All-SLC team.

Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said the Lady Demons had a solid season, finishing 9-9-2 and 7-3-2 in the conference, which is second most wins in program history.

Coach Mitchell said the only good thing about a disappointing end to the season is the girls are motivated to come back next season and do a better job. Mitchell also said that injuries plagued the Lady Demons throughout the season.

"It took time for the girls to come back from injury, and when they returned the players were not 100 percent, which affected the way they played," Mitchell said

Eight Lady Demons were placed on the All-SLC Soccer Teams at the end of the season. NSU's All-SLC selections were headed by first-team picks Stephanie Miller and Natalie Waguespack. Hillarie Marshall, Katie Priest and Tara Powasnik represented the Demons on the second team while Brittany Hung, Nellie Latiolais and Heather Penico of NSU were honorable-mention selections.

"We had good things this season, but we feel good about next year because the girls are motivated, next year will be a positive year for us." Mitchell said.

NSU Volleyball 2003

The Northwestern State volleyball team had a record year finishing two wins away from setting a school record for league wins in a season as the Lady Demons finished the season with an 11-22 mark and 5-15 in the conference.

Another milestone for the Lady Demons this season was Priscila Augusto nomination to the All-Southland Conference Second Team.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
Priscila Augusto almost jumps over the net for looking for a kill this past season.

Also making the team was outside hitter Becky David, who made honorable mention.

Augusto made the team despite missing the last nine games due to an injury. Augusto finished second on the team with 314 kills and ranked tied for eleventh in the league with a 3.24 kills per game average. She finished the season with a .173 hitting percentage with 314 kills on 831 attempts.

David is a senior player from Upland, Indiana, who led the Lady Demons with 418 kills while ranking ninth in the league with a 3.43 kills per game average.

As a team, NSU averaged 14.22 kills per game finishing the season with 1,891 kills and averaged 15.71 digs per game, finishing the season with 2,089 digs.

NSU looks to build on its success this season and continue next season hoping to break more school records.

NSU Track & Field 2003

NSU's Track and Field season has also finished competition for this semester. Late November was the end of the team's fall cross country season, and though they did not fare as well in conference competition as they hoped, there were some major high points in the season.

Noah Murgor and Margeaux Fisher are great examples. Murgor made the All-Conference and All-Louisiana teams for his performances this season.

Murgor also finished sixth in the SLC Cross County Championships and won three races during the season. Fisher ended the season as the women's number one runner.

"We are very proud of her and are looking forward to her indoor season," Head Track and Field Coach Leon Johnson said.

Johnson said the team's youth and inexperience showed throughout the season as well as the lack of summer training.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
NSU Cross Country runners Noah Murgor and Jonah Chelimo compete in an event.

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NSU Womens Basketball (4-1)
Home Game

Dec. 9, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Harding (4-4)

NSU 84 - Harding 48

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	42	42	**84**
HSU	22	26	48

Dec. 2, 2003
Northwestern State vs. Centenary (1-5)

NSU 76 - CU 70

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	43	33	**76**
MSU	28	42	70

Northwestern State vs. Texas A&M (1-3)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	38	46	**84**
TAMCU	36	22	58

Key Player:
Katrina Swanigan
13 points vs. CU
senior forward

NSU Basketball (1-5)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Jermaine Wallace
18 points vs. Tulane
Sophomore setter

Dec. 9, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Tulane** (5-1)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	27	39	66
TSU	41	42	**83**

Dec. 2, 2003
Northwestern State vs. **Centenary** (2-2)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	21	46	67
CU	44	46	**90**

Northwestern State vs. **NSU** (2-2)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NWST	26	35	61
NSU	29	40	**69**

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Tickets selling fast for Christmas Classic

Tickets are selling briskly for "Home for Christmas Classic" college basketball double-header at the Century Center in Bossier City Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20.

That game pits two of the winningest programs in women's basketball over the past five years. The Duke-NSU game is at 1 p.m. on Dec. 20, followed at 3 by a men's contest matching Bossier City native Mike McConathy's Northwestern Demons against 2003 NCAA Tournament entry Troy State, 26-5 last year.

Ticket prices range from $5 to $15, depending on seat locations in the 12,000-seat ultra-modern arena.

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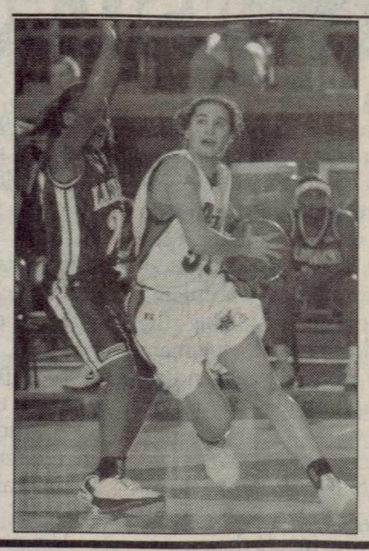
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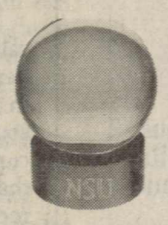
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What's Current?

NSU has record fall graduation

Northwestern State University awarded degrees to 826 graduates at the university's Fall Commencement Exercises held Friday, Dec. 19 in Prather Coliseum. The ceremonies were the largest in the university's 119-year history.

Seven students graduated summa cum laude with grade point averages of 3.9 or better. Those graduates were: Ljilana Kusljic Nagy of N. Wilkesboro, N.C., Danya Neel Titus, Jackie L. Adair and Leah Elizabeth Carnline of Many, Elizabeth Ann Hebert of Cow Island, Angela Wilkes Jimes of Shreveport and Bruston Kade Manuel of Kinder. Titus was the top ranking graduate with a grade point average of 3.976.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Robert Eugene Easley, chief of staff for the NASA Systems Business Unit at Boeing.

The university awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters to New Orleans business and civic leader Melba Law Steeg.

Northwestern awarded a posthumous Bachelor of Social Work degree to Dorothy Thompson.

Faculty marshals were Dr. Lorna J. Lacina-Gifford, Dr. Susan T. Pierce, Dr. Bill Dickens and Dr. Shirley Stave.

NSU News Bureau

Dickens named acting department head

Dr. Bill Dickens has been named acting head of the Department of Health and Human Performance at Northwestern State University. Dickens replaces Dr. Vicki Gentry who was named acting dean of education.

Last year, Dickens received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the NSU College of Science and Technology. He has previously served as head of the Department of Health and Physical Education at Northwestern.

Dickens has been a professor of health and human performance, undergraduate coordinator, and first aid and CPR coordinator in the Department of Health and Human Performance.

NSU news bureau

Treasury posts $1.4 Million in IRS refunds on website

The Treasury has posted the names of more than 3,100 Louisiana citizens who are owed more than $1.4 million in federal income tax refunds and child tax credits on www.latreasury.com according to State Treasurer John Kennedy.

Louisiana taxpayers can access the list by clicking "Federal Unclaimed Property Information" from the main unclaimed property search page.

Louisiana Treasury release

Brittany Spears speaks about quick marriage

Britney Spears talked for the first time Wednesday about her brief and bizarre Las Vegas wedding insisting she still believes in the "sanctity of marriage."

During an appearance on MTV to launch her steamy new music video "Toxic," the pop princess seemed to be stunned by all the attention she got after swapping vows with childhood pal Jason Allen Alexander in the wee hours of Jan. 3.

"It's crazy," a laughing Spears said during a live phone interview. "Do you realize we landed on Mars that day? Why aren't we all talking about that?

"I do believe in the sanctity of marriage. I totally do. But I was in Vegas, and I don't know, it took over me, and you know, things got out of hand."

She declined to answer when Damien Fahey, host of MTV's "Total Request Live," asked if she would label her feelings for Alexander as "genuine."

"I was with my friend, and we hit it off completely," Spears said.

The quickie marriage was annulled after just 55 hours.

Courtesy KRT Campus

Downtown bridge closed indefinitely, under repair for structural failures



Callie Reames
Sauce Reporter



Chris Reich/The Current Sauce

Terry Shepard uses a concrete cutter on the bridge sidewalk as Chris Rachel looks on.

The Church Street Bridge was closed Saturday by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development due to two structural failures.

Rhett Desselle, district maintenance engineer, said that a cap and girders are in poor condition. The pilings that hold up the bridge are capped in concrete. Girders connect those caps to each other, and the force of traffic weighs primarily on the girders. Desselle said the approximately 14000 cars that cross the bridge daily cause the weight.

A DOTD maintenance crew supervisor was driving across the bridge last week and noticed a vertical difference in its surface.

"The bridge is actually starting to slide down into the river," Desselle said.

After a closer look, the DOTD restricted traffic flow to cars Friday. Desselle said they originally thought the cap was the one source of the sinking. An in-depth inspection on Saturday revealed that the girder that connected to the breaking cap was also failing.

"The next large load that came over could've put the span in the water," Desselle said.

The bridge has since been closed and the repair could take weeks, Desselle said, but not months.

Some businesses on Front Street have been affected by the closure, but others credit the customer slow-down to a yearly January decrease in patrons.

Jené Havens, a waitress at Papa's Bar and Grill and senior nutrition major said the flow of traffic has slowed.

"People are probably more avoiding this part of town," Havens said. This has led to less lunch hour customers.

Rachel Robinson, a first year graduate student in sports administration, also waits tables at the restaurant.

"It's usually pretty full," Robinson said. She said there are 40 to 50 tables during a normal lunch shift but she has been serving just a few in the past few days.

"It has slowed down a lot," Havens said.

The Hall Tree, a store located on the corner of Church Street and Front Street, has been slow this week.

Ashley Brister, a Hall Tree employee and junior education major, said, "We're slow anyway after the Christmas Festival."

The Church Street Bridge was built in 1936 and undergoes required inspections every two years. Desselle said the time between inspections on bridges can vary from six to 12 months depending on the condition of each bridge.

Desselle said the only major constructive changes in the Church Street Bridge have been cosmetic in nature and not structural.

ARAMark adds convenience store



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Sonia Hoesler, junior early childhood major, and Jennifer Kimble, junior elementary ed. major, check out ARAMark's new store.



Robert Tummons
Copy editor

ARAMark added a Convenience to the first floor of the Student Union over the semester break.

The addition is one of many changes that Perry Martin, director of food services for ARAMark, said he intends to focus on in the upcoming year.

The convenience store, named C3, will offer students many essentials, but Martin said the store will not have everything.

"It's a convenience store; it's not a Wal-Mart. It has laundry detergent to snacks to batteries to Band-Aids," said Martin.

For now, all transactions will be cash-only, but martin said C3 will accept the declining balance and SpeedDemon systems for purchases within two weeks.

The convenience store isn't ARAMark's only recent improvement. Chik-Fil-A underwent a redesign, and (the pizza shop) will offer more types of pizza.

"Change takes time," Martin emphasized repeatedly.

"[These are] goals to aim for," Martin said, "But they

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Speed Demon system in full swing, usage grows

Robert Tummons
Copy editor

The Speed Demon system has become more and more accepted, but there is a debate over whether it is better than the declining balance system.

Speed Demon, which works similarly to a debit card, may be used as a cash alternative at vending machines, washing machines and dining facilities on campus. SGA President Scott Manguno is trying to spread the news of the system.

"When Greg [Comeaux] and I ran for President and Vice-President we really wanted to see some meal plan reform on campus, and we're trying for a much larger thing having the University actually go to a rollover system and a refund policy," Manguno said. "But right now what we can do is jump on the bandwagon with [Speed Demon] and take advantage of this. If you're 21 and if you're a senior or if you don't live on campus or you don't meet the other requirements for not having a meal plan, you can take advantage of that."

The debate is about the lack of a rollover plan for the declining balance system. Students who have a meal plan are required to use all of their balance before the end of the semester or they will lose whatever is not spent.

The Speed Demon account, however, is a rollover system, so any money you put on the card will remain on the card.

"Currently, it only takes a minimum of a $25 deposit to open the account, and none of that goes to the University. All $25 goes to the student's account."

Kristy Vienne
Coordinator of One Card operations

No money will be lost.

ARAMark, the food service provider on campus, has agreed to the usage of the Speed Demon card in their dining facilities, allowing users to purchase meals at Vic's or Iberville. Kristy Vienne, coordinator of the OneCard operation, explained in detail how the Speed Demon account works.

Vienne said, "[Students with the Speed Demon card] can use their Speed Demon account at any of the dining locations, as well as the bookstore. They can use it at the snack machines. They can use it at the new convenience store that ARAMark has just opened, as well as the laundry facilities at all the residence halls. We're also working with Coca-Cola to hopefully have all the Coke machines up and running by Mardi Gras holiday, if not sometime shortly after."

Other plans for the card's usage will be at local printing shops, such as The Ink Spot, as well as being able to be used at the copy machines at the library rather than the Vendamat cards.

"Currently it only takes a minimum of a $25 deposit to open the account, and none of that goes to the University. All $25 goes to the student's account, then the student can come back and add any amount." Vienne said.

There may be cause for concern if the card is lost. Without any pin numbers to activate, anyone who finds a

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NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	rain	chance of rain	Few showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
60°/43°	62°/55°	69°/45°	49°/31°	56°/30°	62°/38°

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Flu season more intense than usual, Infirmary offers tips for students



Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief

With the peak of the flu season present and college students living in tight-knit living quarters, the risk of contracting the flu is high.

It is easy to pass the flu from one person another in a college setting because of dormitory-style living, sharing beverages, having poor hygiene and increased stress.

There has been an increase of cases of the flu this year.

NSU staff nurse Lisa Thomas said the NSU infirmary has seen early cases of the flu and flu-like illnesses in students since before Thanksgiving break on campus.

Thomas said the flu is more serious than having a cold, because the symptoms are more severe and last longer.

"Once you are exposed, you are talking about a down time of five to 10 days of class time," Thomas said

Thomas said over-the-counter medicines, such as Tylenol or decongestants, are given to treat students with flu symptoms.

Thomas said there are flu medications available, such as Tamiflu or Flumadine if flu symptoms are caught within 24 to 48 hours. The medications greatly reduce the number of sick days.

"Unfortunately a lot of times people don't realize they have the flu until after three days, when they realize they are not getting any better," Thomas said.

Thomas said by the third day of symptoms, that the medications are too late to take to be effective.

A flier in the infirmary published by ETR Associates, suggests that people should see their health care provider, when they have shaking chills, a high fever that lasts more than two to three days, a severe headache, or severe muscle pain. Wheezing, and dark urine are also signs to see a doctor.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the difference between the cold and the flu is that with the flu, there are an increase in muscle aches, fever, chills, headaches, dry cough and weakness.

"With a cold, you usually have more sinus drainage," Thomas said. "The flu is usually more of a dry, hacky, painful almost type of cough."

According to the ETR Associates flier, contracting the flu can be prevented by getting a yearly flu vaccine, by washing the hands often, exercising regularly, eating healthy foods, and restraining from smoking.

After contracting the flu, get plenty of rest, drink lots of clear fluids, take aspirin, and gargle with salt water for a sore throat.

It also states that the flu vaccine can reduce the chances of getting the flu by 75 percent. People should get the flu vaccine each year because the two most common strains, A and B, mutate every year.

The flier stated that the peak time for the flu is between mid-December and mid-January. However, it is best to get vaccinated for the virus between October and November..

Bush proposes manned flights to moon, Mars; cost a question mark

Courtesy KRT Campus

President Bush set a soaring "new course for America's space program" on Wednesday by proposing manned exploration of the moon within a generation and of Mars sometime after that.

The price could soar, too, to about $170 billion, according to a NASA document. But Bush spoke mostly of the challenge he saw ahead.

"We do not know where this journey will end," Bush said, standing before photos of the moon and Mars at NASA's headquarters, "yet we do know this: Human beings are headed into the cosmos."

Comparing the new quest into space to the Lewis and Clark expedition that opened the American West, the president declared: "The desire to explore and understand is part of our character."

Astronauts could return to the moon to establish a more permanent outpost, instead of brief visits as in the Apollo era, as soon as 2015 or as late as 2020, according to Bush's plan.

Wednesday's much anticipated announcement was heavy on the what and the where of this new initiative, but light on the how and the how much.

The missions would employ a not-yet-designed "Crew Exploration Vehicle" that would replace the current space shuttle, which would be scrapped in 2010. Construction work on the International Space Station, the world's current presence in space, would finish at the same time. It could be used to help on the moon-Mars mission.

Robots similar to the Spirit rover now on Mars will pave the way for manned moon missions, which could be launched as soon as 2008.

Bush gave no date for humans visiting the red planet. Sean O'Keefe, NASA's administrator, said: "Our principle destination is Mars to be sure. That's why we're there right now."

Bush also offered no overall cost estimate for NASA's vast new mission. Nor would NASA. A NASA document distributed after Bush's speech showed three general categories involving the moon-Mars mission and a few other smaller programs, which would cost a total of about $170 billion by 2020. More than 80 percent of that spending would occur after Bush leaves office, even if he is elected to a second term.

Retiring the limping space shuttle program would free some money in NASA's tight $15.4 billion budget, as would curtailing construction for the over-budget International Space Station. Bush pledged to invite other nations to join in the missions to the moon and beyond, but O'Keefe said they'll be U.S.-led.

NASA veterans, including Christopher Kraft, who oversaw the Apollo Program, said the current agency is too old and rigid to do what the president wants. NASA will reorganize, in light of its new mission, on Thursday, O'Keefe said, with an emphasis on "being flexible."

The key to getting to the moon and eventually Mars is likely to be money, however, and NASA has had a hard time managing that. Former NASA officials and outside space experts point to a history of massive cost overruns and poor NASA budget estimating.

Going to the moon and Mars is important, and "the next thing an exploring nation ought to do," said Humboldt Mandell, a former NASA cost estimating expert who managed the agency's moon-Mars exploration program in the 1990s. But he added: "You should never give anybody a blank check."

With NASA, said Mandell, now at the University of Texas' Center For Space Research, "costs just grow as long as you stay within the established bureaucracy."

When President Reagan proposed the International Space Station in 1984, for example, it was supposed to cost $8 billion, about $14 billion in current dollars. Congress has appropriated $32 billion already.

Mandell, who participated in NASA's pricing effort, said he initially estimated the space station's cost in 1984 at $18 billion to $20 billion. Senior managers, he said, felt they couldn't sell it to Congress at that price and created an $8 billion cost estimate.

"The belief is that if you really tell people what your honest estimates are, they're not going to approve it," said Roger Launius, a former NASA chief historian.

The first President Bush discovered that in 1989 when he proposed a moon-Mars expedition. It died when Congress balked at its $400 billion price tag.

The most famous example of accurate NASA budgeting is a moral fable in its own right. The first time NASA went to the moon, Administrator James Webb was in the car on the way to the White House when on a whim he doubled the $10 billion cost estimate that NASA officials had come up with for the Apollo program, Launius said.

The program came in about 20 percent under budget.

The space agency is already having problems with moon-Mars project cost estimates.

O'Keefe said Wednesday on CNN: "We're talking about every taxpayer contributes, on average, about 15 cents a day. The price of a monthly cable television bill is what's being contributed by the average taxpayer."

That'd come to about $4.50 a month. According to the Federal Communications Commission, the average American household's monthly cable television bill last year was $40.11, or $1.32 a day.

President Bush proposes to increase NASA's total budget by $1 billion over the next five years. He'd add $11 billion diverted from other agency projects, mainly from reductions in shuttle and space station spending.

Spending for the moon-Mars project will be heaviest in the vote-rich states of Florida and Texas, where NASA manages and launches rockets. The moon-Mars project has a key ally in the House of Representatives because the Johnson Space Center is in Houston, home to powerful Majority Leader Tom DeLay. DeLay attended Wednesday's NASA event, along with at least three Apollo astronauts.

One of them, Eugene Cernan, the last man to leave the moon, beamed after the speech: "I want somebody dearly to take that dubious honor of being the last man on the moon off my shoulder."

NSU Police Blotter

12-11-03
6:40 p.m.
A student from Rapides called and complained that residents were smoking marijuana in a room on the 4th floor of the south hall. The room was unoccupied, but it was speculated that students were using the room to do drugs. A statement was taken from the RA, and no drug paraphernalia was found at that time.
10:11 p.m.
Two NSU students were caught engaging in "extracurricular" activities inside their car in the tennis court parking lot. They were advised of university policies and left campus.

12-12-03
10:49 a.m.
A call was made from the Columns regarding a young man in possession of a gun removing the weapon from the couch and proceeding to take it in to his bedroom.

12-13-03
12:04 p.m.
A wreck on Tarlton Dr. did not result in any serious injuries, but one victim was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital by request.
3:18 p.m.
A female tried to run over a male at the light on College and Caspari in front of the flower shop.

12-14-03
2:53 a.m.
The TKE's were told to leave their house.
5:21 p.m
An Iberville worker called to report students having a food fight.

12-15-03
7:45 a.m.
An accident in front of Kyser kept traffic from moving along smoothly.

12-16-03
1:09 p.m.
A golf cart was taken at Rapides. The subject was apprehended in front of Iberville and charged with unauthorized removal of a motor vehicle. There was no damage to the golf cart.

12-17-03
1:57 a.m.
A resident of Bossier Hall called in reference to receiving obscene phone calls.

2:08 p.m.
Another computer from the Biology lab in Bienvineu Hall was missing.

12-19-03
6:46 p.m.
A Buick parked at Caddo Hall was found with a door and glove box standing open. It appeared to have been rummaged through.

9:00 p.m.
The Natchitoches Police Department advised Campus Police to be on the look out for a four door '88 Delta with two hubcaps missing.

12-22-03
3:32 p.m.
The burglary alarm at the President's office and library were going off. There were no signs of a robbery and both areas were secured.
4:53 p.m.
The manager of married student housing called to report a male subject snooping around the apartments. He said he was looking for a place to rent. He was informed that they were not for rent and advised to leave campus.

12-29-03
8:00 a.m.
The Natchitoches Police Department had a 911 hang up from the Intramural Building construction. No problem was found. Another 911 hang up was received, and the phone was unplugged.

1-3-04
Campus Police were en route with the Natchitoches Fire Department to Caddo Hall, because the fire alarm was going off.

1-7-04
1:28 p.m.
There was a small grass fire at the burn pile. The Natchitoches Fire Department was contacted.
3:48 p.m.
The Natchitoches Police Department called regarding a fire in front of Apt. 914 at the Columns. The Natchitoches Fire Department was already dispatched. The fire was put out, and the smoke was cleared.

1-9-04
7:23 p.m.
A gas smell was reported in Bossier. Officers were dispatched and the Power Plant was contacted. The odor was actually being emitted from cleaning substances.

10:03 p.m.
A Columns resident called to make a report on a threat.

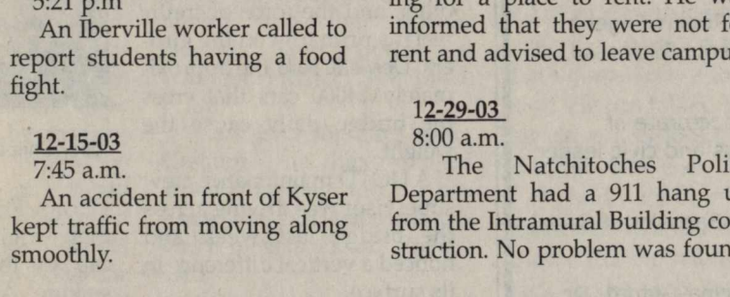
1-10-04
11:47 p.m.
The housing director of Rapides called to report a possible drug use on the 1st floor of the West hall. The subject in question fled the room.

1-12-04
1:13 p.m
A wreck at Turpin Stadium resulted in a victim being transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital for whiplash.
10:15 p.m.
A call was made regarding a banned subject at Rapides. The suspect was located. Someone from Iowa was coming to get him. His room was cleared out, and he left campus.

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Cheryl Thompson

Scotty Dawson, 3rd year music ed major talks to 2nd semester cashier Valarie Penegar in ARAMark's newly opened convenience store.

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aren't cheap; Change takes time."

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Holiday roadblocks garner small success during semester break

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

The NSU police tested a new strategy for preventing crime over the Christmas break by blocking off all campus entrances with the exception of the Caspari Street entrance.

The SGA passed a bill to impose the roadblocks due to concerns over the safety of student possessions left unattended in campus dorm rooms and apartments. SGA senator Mindy McConnel sponsored the bill, which required all incoming campus traffic to be funneled past the police station in hopes of deterring would-be thieves.

The roadblocks were set up Dec. 20 following the winter graduation ceremony and were removed at noon Jan. 4.

Doug Prescott, NSU campus police detective, said, "It isn't uncommon to have one or two break-ins reported after the break."

At press time, the police department had received one report of theft at the University Columns Apartments that occurred during the semester break. Prescott gave no other details on the robbery.

Prescott remained optimistic about the effect of the roadblock strategy despite this incident and said that it would be employed again in the future.

"It served its purpose well, I believe," Prescott said.

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SGA to begin new business Jan. 26



Elaine Broussard
Managing editor

The Student Government Association is preparing to begin a new semester of business.

SGA Vice President Scott Manguno said the first official SGA meeting of the semester is scheduled for Jan. 26.

However, Manguno said several SGA senators do not want to wait for Jan. 26, and a meeting may be organized sooner.

Five pieces of legislation were tabled at the Dec. 1 meeting, which was the last official SGA meeting of the fall semester. This legislation will be discussed at the first meeting this semester.

The first piece of legislation proposes amending the section of the SGA by-laws that lists the requirements a student must meet in order to run for SGA treasurer.

Currently, a student must have completed two accounting classes with a grade of "C" or better in order to run for SGA treasurer. If the bill is approved, this requirement will be removed.

The next piece of legislation proposes amending a section of the SGA by-laws that establishes the scholarship allotment for the SGA president.

According to the bill, the SGA president receives a full-time scholarship and includes a 19A meal plan ($738).

If the bill is approved, the term "full-time scholarship" will be replaced with "SGA Presidential Scholarship." The bill states that the newly established scholarship will "provide a stipend equivalent to the cost of the infirmary fee, rental of a dormitory room, registration fee, and any other fees charged at registration excluding those of a meal plan."

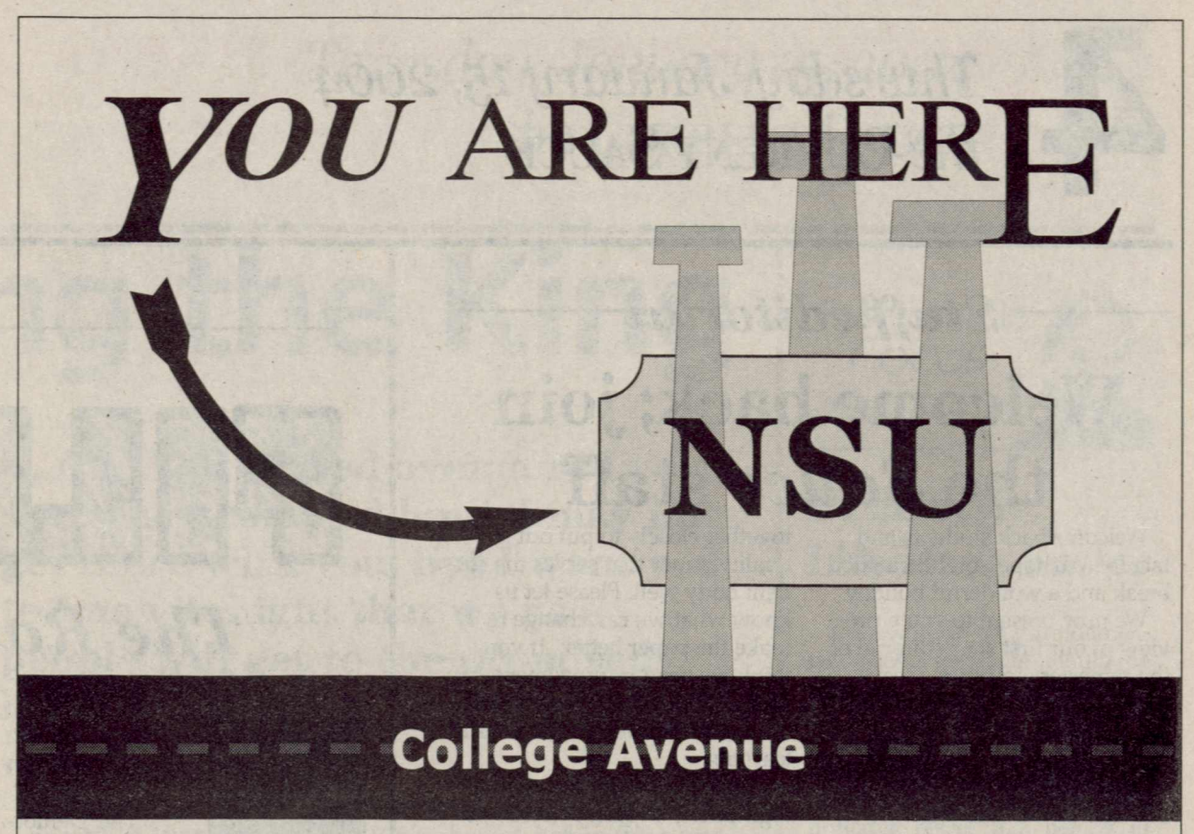
Another piece of legislation is a resolution proposing that special privileges given to student athletes concerning class registration be discontinued. The resolution states that "students who are not athletes should not be denied the right to obtain a seat in a needed class simply because he or she lacks athletic ability."

The fourth piece of legislation that will be discussed at the first meeting is a bill proposing to amend the section of the SGA by-laws that states that each SGA senator is required to write two pieces of legislation per semester.

Upon approval of this bill, SGA senators will only be required to write one piece of legislation each semester.

The last piece of legislation states that there are currently no bike racks located near Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Science building, and the University should place bike racks in these locations.

SGA meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union and are open to all current NSU students.



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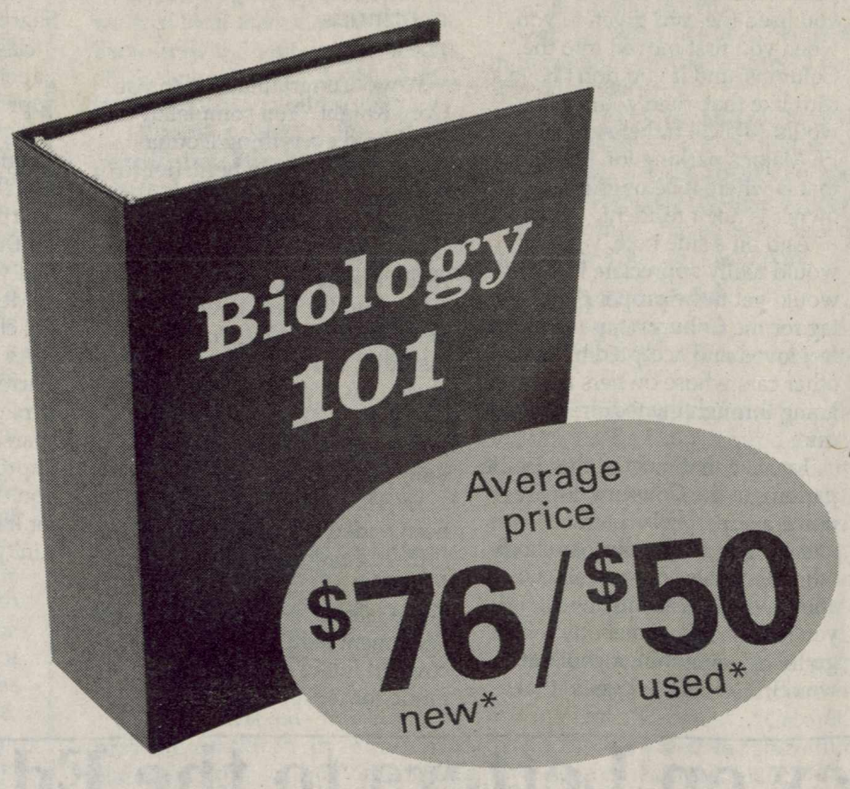
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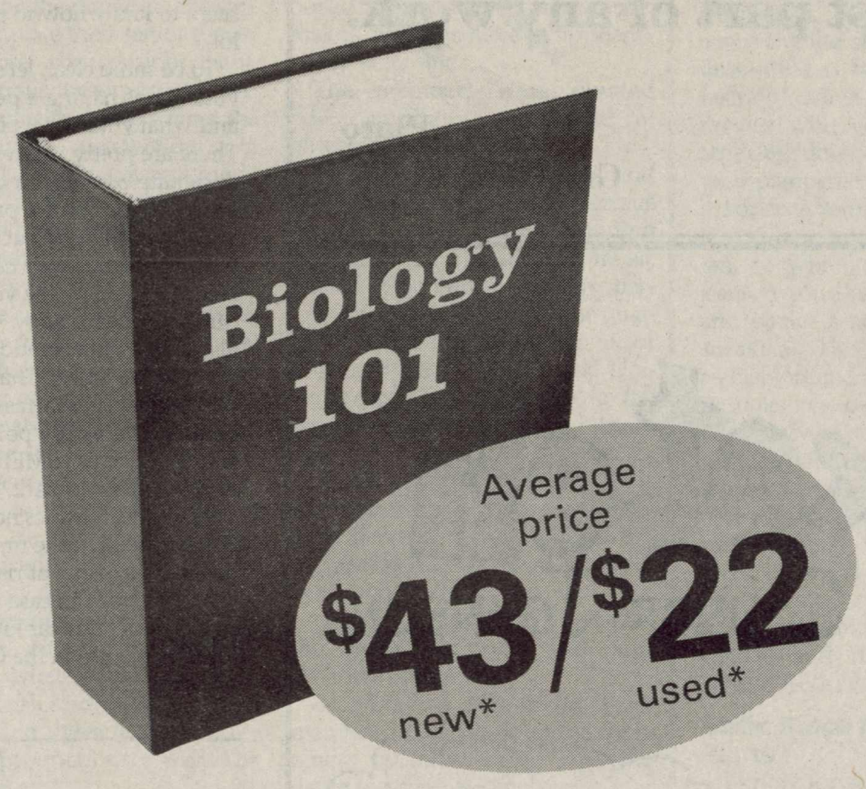
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Staff editorial

Welcome back; join the *Sauce* staff

Welcome back students and faculty. We hope you had a good break and a wonderful holiday.

We now present to you a preview of our first staff editorial of the semester. In future weeks, the editorial board, which consists of prominent members of our staff, will have an editorial in this space. We will meet and co-write an editorial that expresses our opinions on current and important issues that impact the students of NSU.

Also, our staff has set several goals for the semester. Most importantly, we plan to recruit a large number of new staff members. We are looking for new writers to cover important events on campus that we feel students should know about. Also, we are looking for new ad salespersons, photographers, columnists and cartoonists to enrich *the Sauce* with their diverse talents and ideas.

Working with *the Current Sauce* staff has several perks. We learn and strive constantly to improve our writing abilities, people skills, assertiveness and computer skills. We have constant opportunities to meet new interesting people. There are also great opportunities for advancement, and many of us have earned significant scholarships.

As a staff, we try to work together closely to put out a quality paper that serves the student body well. Please let us know what we can change to make the paper better. If you think we need improvement, please let us know. But remember, we are students who are still learning.

In addition to reporters, photographers, ad salespersons, cartoonists, and columnists, we are currently looking for a new distribution manager to deliver papers to buildings on campus on Thursday afternoons. This is a paid position.

There will be a meeting next Thursday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. for anyone interested in joining the staff. Please stop by Kyser 225 if you are interested in working for us. You do not have to have any previous experience. Punch and pie will be provided.

Kristen Dauzat

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This day in History:

Coneheads debut on "Saturday Night Live"

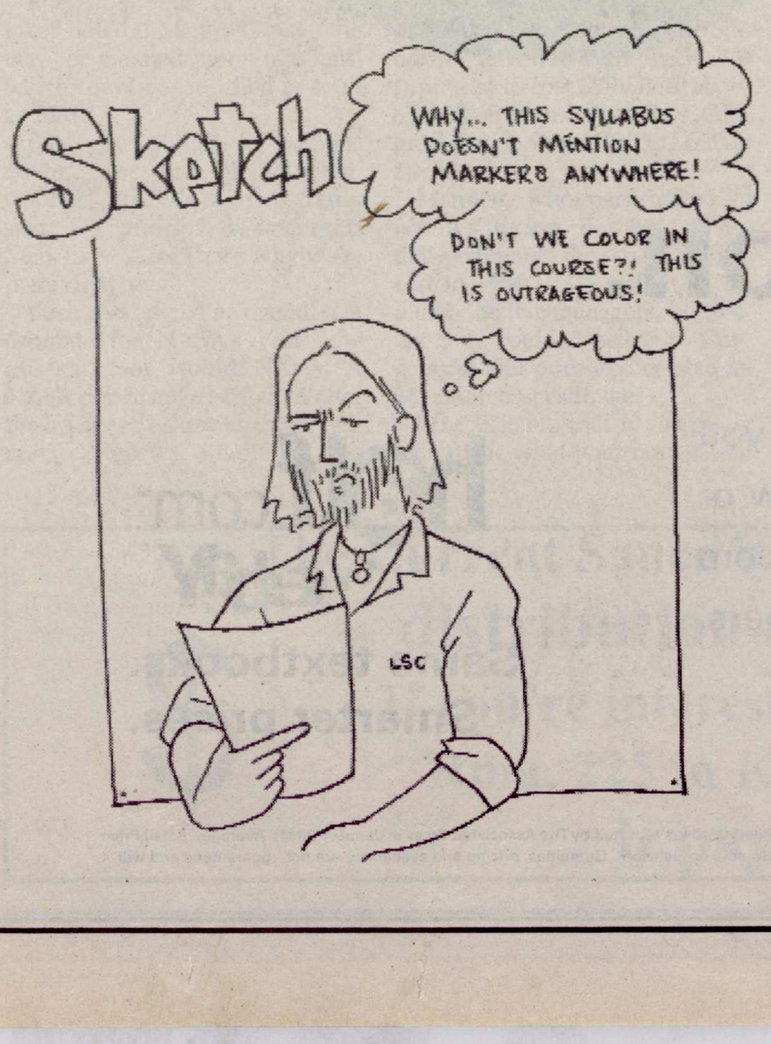
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"The beginning is the chiefest part of any work."

Plato
Greek philosopher

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



Column

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The Race Card



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

The Democrats vying for nomination in this year's presidential elections are using a tactic that served nominee Al Gore quite well in the last election: televised debates. This format catches people up in the fervor of politicking and also provides a great deal of public exposure at relatively little cost to the candidates, but it puts the discussion under the control of moderators chosen by the organizations that sponsor these forums.

Minority and race issues have been represented out of all proportion in this election period's round of debates thanks to sponsorships from groups like the Congressional Black Caucus, and Sunday's debate in Iowa was actually called the Black & Brown Presidential Forum. For all the Democrats' talk of Bush being in the employ of lobbyists and big business, the Democrats are aligning themselves with organizations which push their own agendas just as hard. Nearly a full third of Sunday's debate was devoted to minority questions and racial character assassinations.

Al Sharpton, who seems to be running based solely on his popularity as a spokesperson for African-Americans, attacked Howard Dean on the fact that in his tenure as governor, Dean has never appointed a black person to his six-member cabinet, and I must respond with a resounding, "SO WHAT?" Race should not be an issue in modern American politics. I know a lot of people are going to dismiss my opinion on this immediately because I'm a white male, but I hope that more of you will understand when I say constant harping on race relations obscures the real issues of the dismal state of American education (look around, people!), war abroad, and Bush's continuing deficit spending.

Does racism still exist in America? Certainly, but more self-righteous talk is not going to change those still entrenched in a racist mindset; they only perpetuate a biased system. Howard Dean said it himself in response to Sharpton's attack: "You can't end racism by making white people feel guilty."

Have something to say?

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A bumpy ride through the wonder years



By Shantel M. Wempren

When I was young I was taught to do things right the first time so I would not have to do them again. This has been my mantra in life, but sometimes things don't go as planned. Such is life. As a first semester freshman, I feel as though I did well. I rarely missed class, made good grades and became an involved student, and so I was excited about coming back for the spring semester.

Being excessively compulsive, as I am, I made sure that all of my paperwork was turned in on time and that I did not have a hold on my account. The little computer thing said that I had a hold, but three people at the Registrar's Office said that I did not have a hold. Here is some advice to people who may or may not have a hold or a ticket or a fee or anything else: Go to St. Denis Hall. They will help you. They will take your money, your hold will be lifted and your classes will not be canceled, as mine were.

While the Registrar will cancel your classes if you have a previous balance, it knows nothing about whether you have a hold. It's not anyone's fault but it's a wonder that the system is not connected. The offices of Northwestern act independently of each other, although we as students are dependent upon them all. So take my advice and take care of fees early. Ask around. Someone is bound to know.

So welcome back to Northwestern. Welcome back to being at the end of the line at fee payment. Welcome back to parking problems. Welcome back to early classes. Welcome back to miscommunication. Welcome to Northwestern, where students come first.

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Letters to the Editor

Yet another parking problem

I just felt I would take this moment to complain about a particular aspect of the parking problem at the University Columns. The problem is that it seems there are a great many people parking in the Columns, whether they are residents or not, who don't really seem to know how to park in a lot..

To be more clear, let's think of your car as having a personality, and what your car would want. There are pretty yellow lines that designate where your car is supposed to go. See the pretty lines in the parking lot? Put your car between them. Your car loves being hugged by the yellow lines. Make your car happy. Your car also doesn't like straddling the poor yellow lines. That makes your car feel embarrassed, because everybody points at it and says "Hey, SOMEBODY doesn't know how to park."

Your car also does not like being parked in the fire lane. It doesn't like being at risk of blocking a fire truck in case of an emergency (and your car knows that there was a fire in the Columns not long ago).

Your car does not like parking directly behind other cars, blocking them in. Your car does not wish to keep other cars from going where they want to, or need to, go. Your car knows how rude and mean that is.

Your car HATES pushing open the gate to the Columns. Your car dislikes being used as a battering ram. Your car would much rather you used the card given to you when you first moved into the Columns, and if you don't have a card like that, then your car would MUCH rather stay in the PE Major's parking lot, because that is where it belongs if its owner is not a resident.

And on a side note, your car would really appreciate it if you would get it the proper parking tag for the Columns, just so it can feel loved and accepted by all the other cars whose owners bothered going through the required procedure.

I realize that most of the people parking in the Columns' lot are doing a superb job. I am not attacking those people. Anybody who reads this and gets angry about what I'm saying...well, you're probably somebody who's guilty of doing things your car wouldn't 'want,' so I guess that yeah, I am attacking you.

And on yet another side note, I figured that being this antagonistic and condescending would be about the only way I could get the attention of the aforementioned criminals.

Jessica Jansen
Biology Major

The Sharp/ Knight saga continues

Wow. Congratulations to you Cory Knight. You completely reinforced everything Donna Sharp had to say in her letter to the Sauce. I agree that her comments were for the most part unfounded, but come on. You really lowered the bar with your letter, buddy. Let's have a lesson here. If you're going to insist on insulting someone's grammar abuse, try to avoid writing sentences like, "For one, how the freak does our actions reflect to your piece of crap high school.".

A: That sentence should have been ended with a question mark.

B: It should read, "... how the freak DO our actions", not DOES. We're talking simple subject/verb agreement here. I think that was covered in the fourth or fifth grade for most of us.

C: What the hell does that sentence mean anyway?

That's just one sentence, by the way. All in all, you've got over 13 incoherent and totally incorrect sentences, fragments, and other errors.

Perhaps next semester, you should devote a few of your 20 credit hours to an English class.

No, I don't fully support Miss Sharp's comments, and I think her classmates' letter in last week's paper was commendable and appropriate.

However, thanks to Mr, Knight's response, I now know that there is SOME truth to Sharp's concerns.

I think you were right in saying that you feel your point had been made,Cory. We hear you loud, if not clear.

As a sidenote, BRAVO to you Garrett. I think you worked wonders with the paper, given your sparse resources. The layout is improved, it's user-friendly, and I don't miss an issue. The new editor has some big (and probably stinky) shoes to fill.

Jenny Rhea
Graduate Student

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POP Culture

The Lord of the Rings:
The Return of the King

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It took three years of waiting to finally see the whole story. Around 10 hours was spent in a theatre chair watching the movies play out. Each installment left us eagerly awaiting next Christmas to see what happens next, and for many each installment was better than the previous. Was the end worth it?

The scenes of Sam (Sean Astin) and Frodo (Elijah Wood) were not. The final installment in the "Lord of the Rings" story was centered heavily around Sam and Frodo finally getting to Mount Doom and the toll it has taken on Frodo. However, the writing for these characters and the acting was overdone and at times cliché. I can sum up all the lines of the two hobbits, spanning roughly two of the three and a half hours of the movie, in two sentences for each character. First Sam, who throughout the movie said nothing more than 'Mr. Frodo, don't leave me,' and 'that weasel is planning to kill us Mr. Frodo, he's up to no good.' This is really sad, considering that one of my favorite characters is Sam with his great personality, optimism, charm, and steadfast courage.

Then there is Frodo, who probably had even more lines but only said variations of 'Sam, I'm so sorry,' and 'I have a great burden, one that only I can bear.' I found that on the whole, Frodo is not a great character; Elijah Wood just did not do as good a job as I had hoped. He started off well, however through "The Two Towers" and "Return of the King" he is boring, repetitive and very predictable. Wood also did not do a good job with portraying the character emotionally in "Return of the King" in many parts. For most of the movie I was rolling my eyes and counting the seconds until the scene changed back to either the fighting or the antics and journey of Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli. However, the ending was done very well. Wood was very convincing as he said goodbye to his childhood friends.

Gollum, on the other hand, was portrayed exceptionally well. I especially loved the opening of the movie with Smeagol coming into possession of the ring and over time turning into Gollum. His finest was in "The Two Towers" when he showed a glimmer of goodness and the ability to change, but he was a great villain and mirror for Frodo in "Return of the King." The portrayal of the dichotomy of his personalities was a great improvement in "Return of the King." In "The Two Towers" the scene of Gollum fighting with himself was comical and had the audience laughing instead of realizing the ramifications of this scene. The use of the water to create the mirror image to fight himself allowed the seriousness to come through, and also did not look as cheesy.

On the subject of anti-climatic moments, the battle scene with the army of the dead was a let down. The humans have just fought with all their heart and soul, thinking that this is going to be the end for them and they will go down in a blaze of glory. They have won the first battle and even though they think it may be hopeless, are ready for the rest. Then this army of dead comes in and basically decimates the enemy in five seconds. To have gone through all those minutes and emotional triumphs and setbacks with the humans, and to then see it done so easily and without any emotion or loss of life on the side of good just cheapens the whole effect. I was left with a feeling of 'why did they even bother.'

There were two things that I loved the most about this movie. First the music. The music is good throughout all three movies, but in "Return of the

Remembering the King



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Monday is the national holiday in which we celebrate and remember the life and triumphs of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his advocacy of equality between the races.

So what is so special about the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday? Assistant Professor of History in the school of Social Sciences Elaine Thompson said that the holiday "gives all Americans a chance to stop and commemorate the struggles of all African-Americans in their efforts to gain civil rights."

It took many years of struggle to get the King Holiday passed as a federal holiday, including a few setbacks. On April 8, 1968, Congressman John Conyers introduced the first legislation to provide for a Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday. January 15, 1969, The King Center sponsored the first annual observance of Dr. King's birthday, setting the model and tone for celebrating the holiday. They held an ecumenical service and called for a nation-wide commemoration of his birthday.

In April of 1971 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference gathered 3 million signatures in support of a holiday for Dr. King and presented them to Congress. However, Congress did not take action to move it forward.

In 1973, Illinois was the first state to pass a King Holiday bill. The following year Massachusetts and Connecticut followed, and in 1975, the New Jersey State Supreme Court ruled that the state had to provide a paid holiday in honor of Dr. King. On Feb. 19, 1979, Coretta Scott King testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings for the King Holiday and urged for Rep. Conyers to bring the bill up for floor vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. After, Mrs. King and The King Center began a nation-wide King Holiday petition campaign, collecting over 300,000 signatures by the end of the year.

The King Holiday bill finally began to move through Congress, but in November it was defeated in the House by five votes. Mrs. King continued in the next year to speak before the Senate, and Stevie Wonder joined with and presented with Mrs. King and The King Center, in 1982, petitions with over 6 million signatures in support of the King holiday to the Speaker of the House.

In June of 1982, Mrs. King once again testified before Congress, and in August of that same year the House passed the King Holiday Bill. It provided that the third Monday of January would be used to observe the King Holiday. The bill passed with a vote of 338 to 90. On Nov. 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill, which established that the holiday would begin being observed nationally in 1986.

From there the fight was not finished. In 1990 The Wall Street Journal reported that only 18 percent of businesses provided a paid King Holiday, and on Aug. 23, 1994, President Clinton signed the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday and Service Act. This expanded the mission of the holiday as a day of community service, interracial cooperation and youth anti-violence initiatives.

Today the King Holiday is observed nation-wide and has even extended to other countries, like Trinidad. To learn more about the King Holiday and The King Center go to www.thekingcenter.org.

This year, Natchitoches is celebrating Dr. King's life and legacy with a number of activities, starting with a celebration brunch at 9 a.m. The brunch will be held at the First Baptist Church Amulet Street H.B. Barnum Fellowship Hall. Special guests include local poet Monica Raymo, Dr. Doris Benjamin Small, and Rev. Ronnie Evans and the Friendship B.C. choir. The brunch is $5, to be paid at the door.

The activities continue at noon with a youth emphasis service, to be celebrated at the Martin Luther King Recreational Complex, and then a wreath-laying ceremony at 5:15 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Triangle. The ceremony will include a march from MLK Triangle to the MLK Recreational Complex. It is asked that those participating in the ceremony bring a candle wrapped in non-flammable material. The MLK Recreational Complex is located at 660 MLK Dr., and the MLK Triangle is at the corner of Barry Street and MLK Drive.

The day's festivities will conclude at the MLK Recreational Complex with a climaxing service at 6 p.m. The service will be led by Pastor Dewayne Roberson and will feature the choir from the North Star Baptist Church.

"...And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Speech in Memphis, April 3, 1968, the day before King was assassinated

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Riddle Me This

NSU presents an exhibit featuring art that allows viewers to solve riddles.

"Riddle Pics" showcases the artwork of local artist Gail H. Shelton. Each drawing contains depictions of an animal and an object that together form a riddle or pun.

Observers look at the colored pencils drawings and then decide what phrase or word they form. For example, one of Shelton's drawings consists of a duck and a roll of Scotch tape to form the pun "Duck Tape." Another example of the riddle drawings portrayed a turtle and a bar of Dove soap to form "Turtle Dove."

Shelton, an NSU alumnus and a retired Winn Parish art teacher, thought it interesting to incorporate riddles with art, because it communicates an idea.

Shelton commented on how she enjoys the way the drawings pull together and create expressions. Also, she said she loves that the work requires the viewers' involvement for interpretation.

Shelton derived the idea of drawing riddles in art form when she gave puzzle and creativity exercises to her gifted and talented art classes.

Roberta Walters, coordinator of the gallery, appreciates the work that artists who are currently attending or have graduated from NSU submit to the exhibits. She encourages all students to observe art in the exhibits.

"I'd love it if students would come and see students' work even if they are not art students."

Shelton now owns the Pea Patch Gallery, a combination of an art gallery, antique mall and café in Winnfield. She continues to teach drawing and painting workshops to adults and children.

Shelton's work has been featured in magazines and has garnered her several rewards.

"Riddle Pics" began Jan. 12 and will end Feb. 6. The exhibit is in Gallery two, located adjacent to the Orville J. Hanchey upstairs gallery. The drawings maybe seen weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

On with the show

It is lights, camera, and much action for NSU's theater department.

The department is now preparing for its first major production, the Lady of the Bracelet pageant. The dance section of the department will provide entertainment for the audience. The competition will take place in early February in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center.

In the months following the pageant, the department will perform the musical "Cabaret." "Cabaret" was a famous Broadway show that once starred Liza Minnelli. The musical takes place in the era of WWII and the Nazi regime.

Later in the semester, the department will feature the production "A Raisin in the Sun."

"Raisin" portrays a young man trying to fulfill his dreams in an environment that lacks him opportunity to succeed.

In addition to the three major projects, the department will do side projects.

Assistant Professor of Theater, Vicki Parrish, a staff member of the Creative &

Performance Arts department, said that these side productions would allow the department's seniors to complete their senior thesis.

For those who consider themselves "serious theater-goers," Parrish recommended they attend the department's production of "Edmund" as it is more profound.

Parrish said that there is a process when choosing which plays to feature.

"We take input from the students. We find out what they are interested in. We decide what styles of theater we have not done in a certain period," Parrish said.

Parrish also said that is important for the faculty to choose various aspects of theater so the students will have an opportunity to perform, design, and become acquainted with different styles of theater.

"Our guiding point is to see where our students have experience and what experiences they need," Parrish said.

Times and dates of the department's productions will be announced.

Bring in the band

Just because the members of "Spirit of Northwestern" have put away their marching shoes, does not mean that they will stop providing music for NSU.

The 300-member band has divided into three groups to prepare for concert season. The Wind Symphony, made up primarily of music majors who were exposed to much training, will give two performances this semester.

The Wind Ensemble, another group made up of music majors will give two performances, and the Symphony Band, a group composed of about 90 non-music majors, will give three performances this semester.

The members were divided when auditions were held in November.

Band Director Bill Brent, said that listeners could expect various genres of music when attending the concerts. He said the music played at the Wind Symphony performances would be the same quality of music heard at other major universities such as LSU and University of Oklahoma due to the members' experiences and training.

Brent said the Wind Ensemble will perform grade 4 and grade 5 type literature but not as challenging as the music played by Wind Symphony.

The Symphony Band will play the "good old mom and pops favorites" Brent said.

Both Brent and Symphony Band member, Eric Youngblood, a sophomore business major, urge students to attend the concerts.

"We all work really hard to put on a good performance. Our goal is that nobody leaves disappointed," Youngblood said.

Admission is free to attend the concerts.

Q&A



David Combs
Freshman
Theater Major

"Drink more beer."



Sam McWilliams
Freshman
Theater Major

"Raise my GPA."



Robert Richoux
Sophomore
Theater Major

"Do better in school and have a lot more fun."



Elizabeth O'Meara
Freshman
Public Relations Major

"Eat healthier."



Trinity George
Junior
Social Work Major

"Be more courteous and graduate."

Fashionable Focus



Raquel Hill

Basic Style: Life Made Easier

Ever wonder what fundamental fashion elements should be found in the closets of women in the new millennium?

Just like the building blocks of a great love affair are love, loyalty, and trust, there are three basic principle pieces that belong in every wardrobe from Natchitoches, Louisiana, to Naples, Italy. In short, with these fashion fundamentals you are sure to be in style, no matter what the occasion.

Basic Piece #1-The Pencil Skirt

Probably the worst mistake we as women want to make is to own twenty different kinds of skirts—from corduroy Mini's from Abercrombie and Fitch to floor-length denims from Land's End. The reality of it is that only one style is needed in the closet. The pencil skirt is so versatile that you can wear it as business attire, or to catch that rippling hunk you've been eyeing at The Pub.

A skirt like this requires minuscule accessories and only a simple and elegant top. The most versatile color is naturally black. It can be best paired with a crisp, white-collared button down and simple black pumps from Steve Madden. For a racier ensemble, you might try pairing the flexible pencil skirt with a low-cut, long sleeved glittery number and some knee-high, black heeled boots. The secret to any skirt, however, is to be tasteful. Understand that showing some leg is sexy, but showing some leg and some chest (and back, and shoulders, and tummy) is showing too much. Realize that you are in the real world and that less really is more.

Basic Pieces #2- A Classic Trench

The cool thing about trench coats is they can be so "Breakfast at Tiffany's!" Everyone with any style knows that Audrey Hepburn styled the heck out of a trench coat. We can all take a lesson from the silver screen goddess—that a trench coat is in fashion when going to the movies with your gal pals, or strutting down boulevard with your pampered pooch.

For an Afternoon Delight look, try styling your trench (black, tan, or white) with some sexy jeans, a plain white crewneck T, and some trendy multi-colored sneakers. This look can double as fashion and function because it looks oh-so-sexy and wears like comfy pajamas! However, if you are willing to go a little further, you will look quite glamorous if you try pairing your tan trench with a black turtleneck sweater, black leather gloves, pencil skirt, black hose, and heels. Add some dark oversized shades and this outfit will scream Audrey Hepburn.

Basic Piece #3- Detailed Pants

I know for sure that you have seen at least one pair of "interesting" looking pants in your life. When looking at them in the store, one might stop and ponder why anyone would purchase something so dysfunctional. Well ladies, here is the awful truth…it's functional and every girl should own a pair!

The reality may be harsh, but know that it is just as useful as the other two pieces mentioned in this article. A pair of slacks with an interesting design and slacks of a "different" color can be stylish if paired with appropriate and neutral tops. By choosing simple solids to go along with your interesting pant-find can give your wardrobe character and even enhance its "property value."

In short, a few simple pieces may be the solution to your closet emergencies and even be the beginning to a new era: The Basic Years—where everyone is only a few articles of clothing away from great style.

KING FROM PAGE 5

First the music. The music is good throughout all three movies, but in "Return of the King" it is the best. All the music accompanied the scenes excellently without overpowering them to draw attention away from the movie, and it also included the pieces done by the actors themselves. The most moving piece came from Pippin (Billy Boyd), singing for the steward of Gondor at Minas Tirith. It was a very emotional scene, and one of my personal favorites of the whole movie.

What I have loved the most through these three movies is the use of the light and white and the dark and black symbols for good and evil. It is seen in the opposing armies, Saruman the White turns darker and darker in the movies as he slowly turns evil, Gandolf the Grey becomes Gandolf the White, and in "The Return of the King," there are even more symbolic uses that are a pleasure to see. I especially loved the darkening of the sky as the Orcs took over Osgiliath, and the soldiers of Minas Tirith had to flee, being rescued by the white light coming from Gandolf's white staff to blind and stave off the evil dark forces.

"The Return of the King," was a great movie with some wonderful scenes and characteristics. However, there were also many disappointments that ultimately has my vote for "The Two Towers" as the best of the three movie installments.

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Personal Life-Controlling your 'O'

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We'll start this one with a little white lie. "It happens to every guy." You know what I'm talking about: premature ejaculation, source of enormous embarrassment for every man on the planet. The myth that it happens to every guy is categorically untrue, but it does happen with some frequency among younger, less sexually experienced men.

Premature ejaculation is defined as the "inability to delay ejaculation to the point when it is mutually desirable for both partners," according to the Sexual Health InfoCenter, accessible at http://www.sexhealth.org/. There are a variety of physical ailments that might contribute to premature ejaculation, but the majority of researchers believe the problem to be psychological in nature.

Lack of sexual experience, or infrequent experience may account for a large percent of the problem. In these cases, the prematurity nay not last beyond one or two orgasms. However, if the issue is pejoratively psychological in nature, the problem may be a bit more persistent. Anxiety is one of the main causes of premature ejaculation, according to the Sexual Health InfoCenter.

Controlling your anxiety about sex is never an easy task. The pressure on performance alone is enough to make anyone a nervous wreck. Relax before sex. Take a hot bath or engage in a sensuous massage. Communication is another way to relieve anxiety, but it has to be done delicately so as not to ruin the moment with the clinical expectation talk.

Engage in foreplay! This is the easiest way to get your partner worked up and take the pressure off performance during intercourse. Do not be afraid to take a break, whether during foreplay or intercourse. Partially losing your erection allows you time to build back up to the moment when climax will be satisfying for both of you.

The SHIC offers a wide variety of techniques that help lessen the need to ejaculate prematurely. Desensitizing creams are recommended, as well is the use of condoms (which is a good idea anyway). The site recommends the use of two condoms, but I disagree, as the use of two condoms, while desensitizing the penis, also increases friction, making both condoms prone to breaking.

The SHIC also recommends the highly effective Masters and Johnson method as an effort to stave off premature ejaculation. This method helps he man to identify the sensations leading up to climax, enabling the man to have better control over his orgasm. The process may yield quasi-instantaneous results, but may take a few weeks to take full effect.

Also try switching up your sexual positions. The missionary position is not the most effective position to use when trying to control your ejaculatory patterns. Let your partner take the reins; in these positions, you can relax and lead your partner until the act is mutually satisfying. If you are experiencing problems controlling your ejaculatory problems, discuss it with your partner, and the two of you can work through it together.

Sex is an intimate act between two people who have a mutual respect and understanding for one another. Satisfying intercourse does not necessarily lead to climax, but that doesn't mean you get to leave your partner hanging. If your partner just can't get there during intercourse, try oral or manual stimulation. If you are the one who is unable to reach climax, do not settle for being unsatisfied, let your partner know it's time to try something else or to get ready for round two.

Getting to know you



Name: Nicol Metoyer Delphin

Native of: Natchitoches

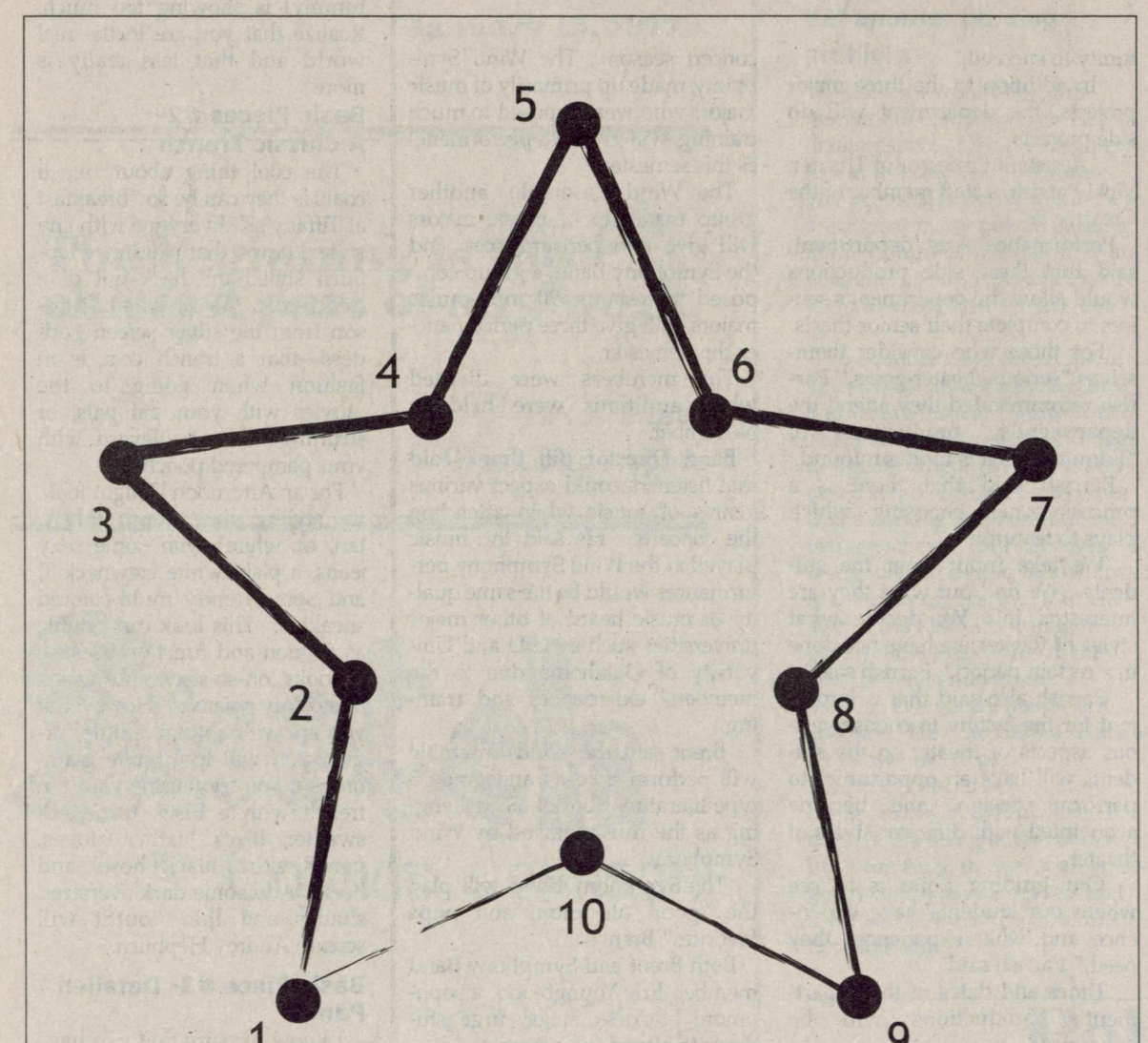
School: Graduated from Natchitoches Central High School and Northwestern State University with a Bachelors degree in Office Administration and Word Processing

Personal Information:Married for 9 years and has one son named Tanner who attends Northwestern Elementary Lab School

Occupation: Project Coordinator for the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University

What she does all day: Makes sure events such as workshops, conferences and exhibits are organized with the proper information, visual aids, and other equipment. Delphin said she is looking forward to the next conference in Las Vegas.

One word to describe her: "Compassionate, because I care about how people feel and take other peoples feelings in to consideration."

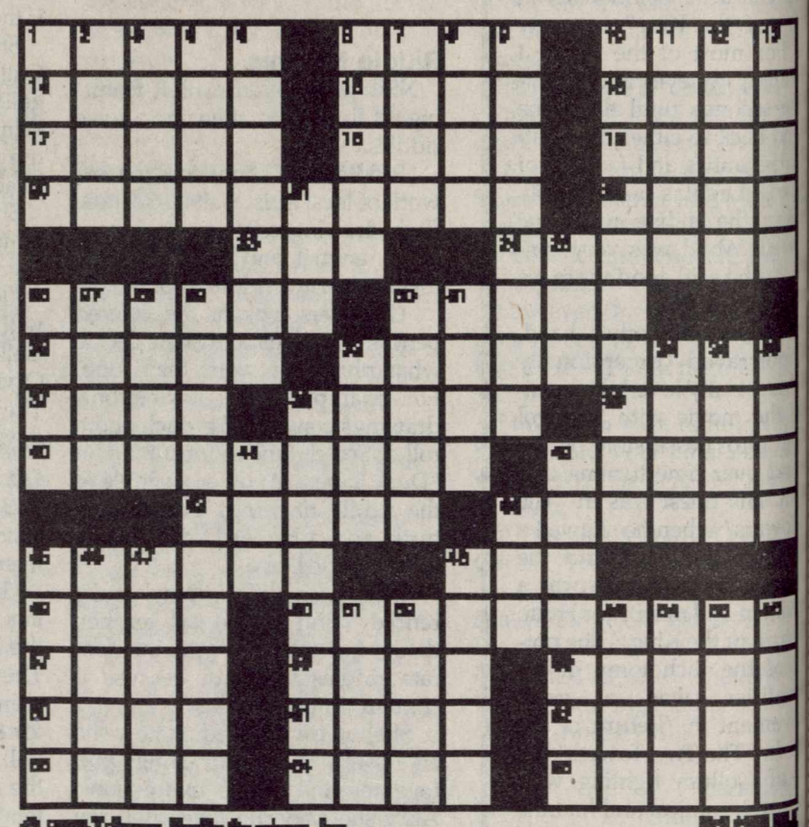


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Solutions

DEMONS FROM PAGE 8

shooting the ball well shooting a low .404 field goal pct. The Demons will need to shoot the ball better if they want to continue to do well in the conference. I predict the Demons will finish 9-7 and squeak into the conference tournament.

Women's Basketball 2004

The Northwestern State Lady Demons are a perfect 2-0 in the Southland Conference by playing physical and shooting the ball well.

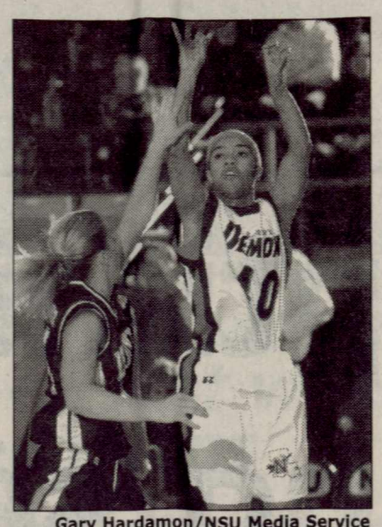
The Lady Demons have the two top scorers in the conference in juniors Diamond Cosby and Amanda Bennett. Cosby is averaging 17.8 points per game while Bennett is averaging 16.4 games per game and leads the league in rebounds with a 9.5 average per game.

The Lady Demons also have two-time national assist leader La'Terrica Dobin dishing them the ball. Dobin was out for five games this season after breaking her hand in the first game of the season. Dobin is now injury free and playing like the Cooda of old.

Northwestern State has the tenth toughest schedule in 1-A basketball. The Lady Demons have faced nationally ranked Duke, Arkansas, Ball State, Kent State and Auburn. The Lady Demons overall are 9-4 while sporting the perfect record in SLC. NSU is also ranked 45 in the RPI rankings, the highest ranking among Southland Conference teams.

The Lady Demons continue conference play with upcoming games against Nicholls and Lamar this week at home.

Lady Demon assistant coach Jennifer Graf said the Nicholls game will be an athletic game with both teams running the floor and that the Lady Demons have a size advantage over the Lady Colonels.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Junior guard Diamond Cosby shoots the ball in Prather Coliseum. Cosby is averaging 17.8 points per game.

Graf also said that the Lady Demons have been winning games by shooting the ball well and playing very physical against tough conference opponents.

Basketball Predictions:

Patrick: I predict the Lady Demons will finish in one of the top three spots in the Southland Conference and win the tournament. NSU will make the NCAA tournament but who knows how far they will go. This is one of the best girls' teams I have seen since I started school here. The trio of Cosby, Dobin and Bennett is just simply amazing!

Josh: The Lady Demons are extremely hard workers and mesh well together as a team. This year they should continue to tear apart the opposition in conference play.

NSU Rowing Team 2004

The NSU rowing team is loaded with seniors full of knowledge and experience that look to races at S.I.R.A. and the Dad Vails.

Head Coach Alan Pasch said the rowers on the NSU rowing team have put in the hard work and time into the sport, and now the effort is paying off huge for them.

The team is lead by Erg King Seth Fornea and Oarsmen of the Year winners David May and Scott Ward. Oarswoman of the Year Ashley Samson leads the women rowers this semester, followed by senior rower Valerie Broussard.

"This team has a lot of seniors that have a ton of knowledge and experience," Pasch said. "The effort the rowers put in should pay off this semester."

Pasch said NSU would be traveling around the states to compete in various races. The crew team will start off at the Atlanta Erg Sprints then have races at New Orleans, La, Austin, Texas, Gainesville, At, Oak Ridge, Tn and Philadelphia, Pa.

NSU will also host a race here with crews from Texas and Tulane with the possibilities of other schools coming down to Natchitoches during spring break.

"We are looking forward to competing at S.I.R.A. and Dad Vails," Pasch said. "The crew teams expectations are to do well at these huge races and try to win there, not just a trip to go and enjoy."

Pasch said he expects the team to do really well and have a great spring rowing season.

Rowing Predictions:

Patrick: I think the NSU rowing team has made leaps and bounds in the competing category, especially against the bigger teams. I just do not think they can beat the big crews like Texas. I look for the Crew team to finish in the top five at S.I.R.A. and the top twenty at Dad Vails.

Josh: The rowing team is very disciplined with early morning practices. They should do well this year so long as they don't knock down the new Church Street Bridge.

Demon linebacker wins scholar award

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Northwestern State sophomore linebacker Paul Mefford, who made 100 tackles this season while carrying a 3.91 grade point average in business administration, has been voted Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year on the SLC All-Academic Football Team.

Head coaches, academic advisors and sports information directors voted on nominees who carried at least a 3.0 grade point average while playing a significant role as a starter or important reserve. Mefford was joined on the 20-man team by three other Demons: junior tight end John Gilpin, junior kicker Tommy Hebert and junior linebacker Josh Burton.

Mefford was the SLC's only first-team Academic All-District VI selection, becoming one of 24 Division I linebackers to appear on the Academic All-America ballot this fall.

The native of Kingwood, Texas, was the second-leading tackler for the nation's No. 9-ranked team in total defense. He also ranked among SLC leaders with 11.5 tackles for lost yardage and 3.5 quarterback sacks.

Burton, who also made the All-SLC Academic Team last season, has a 3.20 grade point average in health and exercise science. The Bossier City-Airline product made 37 tackles, including 2.5 for lost yards and one sack, along with recovering two fumbles, forcing one fumble and breaking up a pass.

Hebert, an Opelousas-Opelousas Catholic product, has a 3.74 g.p.a. in accounting. He was 45 of 48 on extra point kicks this year, setting a school record by making 36 consecutively, and also hit eight field goal attempts to lead the Demons in scoring with 69 points. Last year he set a school record with 46 extra point kicks.

Gilpin, a junior from Slidell and Salmen High School, started two games and played extensively in four more before an injury ended his season.

He had four receptions for 73 yards as the Demons broke the school single-season record for scoring with 386 points, an average of 32.2 per game.

Mefford, Hebert, Gilpin and Burton helped Northwestern reach the I-AA playoffs last season and were part of a team that was ranked as highly as No. 11 in the I-AA Top 25 during this year.

Mefford won the NSU athletic department's "Freshman Male Student-Athlete of the Year" award last year for having the highest grade pointa average by any male athlete. He is the recipient of the Charlie Tolar Memorial Scholarship for academic and athletic accomplishment.

Mefford was the only Division I-AA player elected to the Academic All-District VI team, which honored top scholar-athletes at Division I football programs in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Misssissippi and Louisiana. He joined players from LSU, Oklahoma, Texas, Oklahoma State, Arkansas, Ole Miss and Mississippi State, among others, on the first team.

Mefford looks forward to his junior season as he hopes to keep his academic and tackles up for the 2004 football season.



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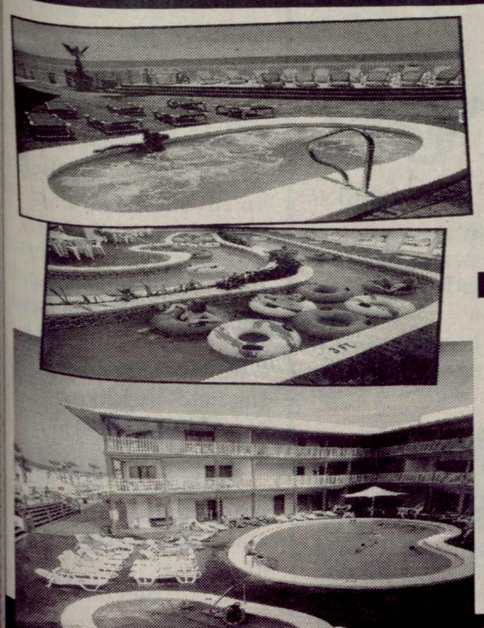
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Welcome back students! I hope the holidays were restful and full of watching great bowl games, some NSU basketball games and the NFL playoffs. First, I would like everyone to forget about LSU. We all know it was luck and the Tigers would have absolutely no shot at beating the USC Trojans, the true number one. Yes, I would have loved to see the two schools play but the Bowl Championship Series is full of crap so the fans will never see it.

Now on to the school that truly matters, Northwestern State. If you haven't noticed, both basketball teams are currently 2-0 in conference play.

There are only six home games left, so head out to Prather Coliseum and cheer the teams on. Most fans knew the Lady Demons were going to be good we expect them to win every season. The Demons, on the other hand are surprising all the basketball critics so far.

The Demons are currently 4-8 overall with a 2-0 record in the Southland Conference. Lately, NSU has been on a roll. First, losing to Arkansas State by three because of a bad miss call that fans are still having trouble swallowing.

Then the Demons won a tough game against heated rival Stephen F. Austin, went on the road and won against McNeese. Right now the Demons have their eyes on winning the conference tournament and earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Head Coach Mike McConathy at Wednesday's Basketball Tipoff Luncheon said the guys believe they can win and so does he. Looks like the end of the Demons' season will be interesting and fun to watch.

The Lady Demons played a tough non-conference schedule where they went up against tough teams like nationally ranked Duke, Arkansas and Auburn.

The hard non-conference schedule has helped our women's team out, as they are currently 9-4 overall and 2-0 in SLC. The Lady Demons were predicted to make the SLC tournament, but nobody expected them to be playing so well. La'Terrica Dobin broke her hand in the first game of the season but has recovered nicely and the two-time national assist leader loves dishing to the two highest scoring players in the conference.

Diamond Cosby is averaging 17.8 points per game while Amanda Bennett is averaging 16.4 points per game, and also leads the league in rebounding with a 9.5 average.

I would also like to congratulate Athletics Bureau Chief Joshua Barrios on his recent marriage to Lindsay Small. The couple got married during the holidays and I hope their future is bright and full of happiness.

Check out the Demons this week. You never know what will happen at Prather Coliseum.

Demons optimistic about spring season

By Patrick West and Joshua Barrios
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NSU Softball 2004

The Northwestern State softball team starts practicing this week in hopes of winning the Southland Conference tournament and removing the bitter taste of losing in the tournament last season.

NSU finished the 2003 season with an overall 27-33 record and a 14-13 record in the SLC conference. NSU also has a strong roster of women coming back with eight freshmen ready to come in and contribute.

The Lady Demons lost two valuable seniors in pitcher Amanda Ortego and outfielder Shea LeDoux. Last season, Ortego had a 7-11 record with an ERA of 2.39 while LeDoux had a .131 batting average with seven RBIs and a .264 on-base percentage.

Coming back for the Lady Demons are starting pitchers Crista Miller and Loni Rasberry. Rasberry had the best ERA last season for the Lady Demons with a 2.00 ERA while Miller had a 2.11 ERA and pitched a couple of no-hit games last season.

Also returning are top hitters Sarina Noack, Lindsey Danzy, Nicole Martin and Shay Hunt. Noack led all Lady Demons with a .379 batting average followed by Danzy with a .372 batting average.

Martin finished the season with a .292 batting average while Hunt finished with a.247 batting average and 24 RBIs.

"We lost Amanda Ortego, who was a fierce competitor and a good component of our team, but we bring back everybody else," Head Coach Eillen Schmidt said. " I like this group because we have classes that are mixed with experience and smart players in each class."

Head Coach Eillen Schmidt said the Lady Demons start off the 2004 season playing in several tournaments, as NSU takes to the road for four straight weekends in February.

"I like these tournaments, I think they are good because they are going to help us in the conference tournament," Schimdt said.

Schimdt said if the Lady Demons get off on the right foot, focus and play out-for-out this season instead of a whole game at a time, then the softball team will be fine and win a great deal of games this season.

Softball Predictions:

Patrick: The Lady Demons bring back several key players that will help them reach the conference tournament and hopefully win the tournament. I look for senior pitcher Crista Miller and pitcher Loni Rasberry to lead the pitching rotation for the Lady Demons. I hope Miller can pull off another no hitter this season and Rasberry keeps her low ERA. Also, I look for the Lady Demons' bats to explode this season, especially with the great hitters NSU has like Sarina Noack and Lindsey Danzy coming back.

Josh: I agree that the Lady Demon's bats should be fired up this year, but with the loss of Amanda Ortego, I think the pitching staff is at a loss. This season they should do much better in the Southland Conference Tournament as well.



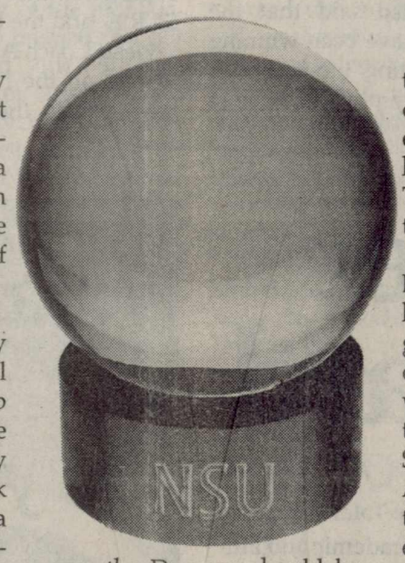
Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Senior Lady Demon softball pitcher Crista Miller finished the 2003 season with a 2.11 ERA.

NSU Baseball 2004

As February rapidly approaches, the Demon baseball team is gearing up for another season of hardball.

The Demons played well last season but fell short in late May as they took fourth place in conference after losing to the third place University of Texas-Arlington and seventh place McNeese State University.

This year, Head coach Mitch Gaspard's third season, the Demons should be ready to take conference.



Gaspard has a strong lineup this year with the return of sluggers Josh Boop and Michael Palermo who batted .374 and .315 respectively. The pair hit a combined 142 hits and scored 86 runs last season and can only get better this year.

Their batting helped the team reach their 35-22 record, but the team's lack of consistency at the plate dropped them to seventh in conference for batting.

If the Demons continue to work on this problem this season and keep up their great pitching, conference should be in reach.

The Demon pitching staff ranked second in conference with Josh Dencausse and Cory Keener leading the team. This year, Keener is back for his second year as a starting pitcher helping to shut down opposing lineups.

Overall, the Demons should have a great year. Last season's inconsistencies and small problems are behind them and need to be forgotten in order for the team to move forward.

This year the Demons should place better than last season. Once again, Lamar and Southwest Texas will be difficult teams to defeat. Last year they were swept by Lamar, but with harder work and more consistent bats the Demons should have less of a struggle.

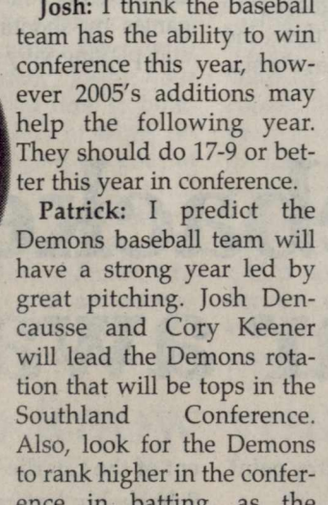
Just like last year, the Demons play some exciting teams. This year they will play in the Rice Tournament at Rice in late February as well as Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at home in early March.

Look forward to those games and a great conference run later this season.

Baseball Predictions:

Josh: I think the baseball team has the ability to win conference this year, however 2005's additions may help the following year. They should do 17-9 or better this year in conference.

Patrick: I predict the Demons baseball team will have a strong year led by great pitching. Josh Dencausse and Cory Keener will lead the Demons rotation that will be tops in the Southland Conference. Also, look for the Demons to rank higher in the conference in batting, as the Demon hitters stay hot throughout the season. I think the Demons will win more than 17 games but will not be absent from the conference tournament this season.



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Demon baseball player Josh Boops celebrates a big hit last season for the Demons.

Men's Basketball 2004

So far this season the Demon basketball team is not doing very well. The Demons are 4-8 overall with loses to Arkansas State, New Mexico State and Centenary.

Though their overall record is nothing to scream about, their conference record is a perfect 2-0 as they defeated Stephen F. Austin and McNeese State last week. The victory over McNeese also made for the Demons' first road win of the season.

Five of the Demons' eight losses were difficult games against top teams including Oklahoma State, New Mexico State and Loyola-New Orleans.

For the rest of the season, the Demons will be knee deep in conference play. This week they continue at home with Nicholls State tonight and Lamar State Saturday.

Head coach Mike McConathy said a big help on the many away games so far is the support they have received from the Lady Demons who have cheered them on at every game possible.

McConathy also said the team's new relaxed attitude should bring them more success.

"A light just came on in some of their heads," McConathy said.

The new role the team has taken of putting pressure on themselves is something else McConathy said may help them this season.

"We had Monday off, but the team still went to the gym to play," McConathy said. "If they continue on like this, who knows what will happen?"

The team is also using a new defensive strategy that may help them later this season. McConathy has replaced their man-to-man defense with a zone defense that should help them throw off other teams.

All of these changes, along with playing larger teams, have also made McConathy realize a key point that may help the team win this year.

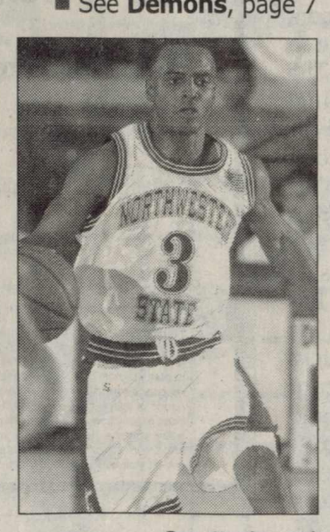
"We just need to be who we are, and if we do that we will be fine," McConathy said.

Basketball Predictions:

Josh: The Demons are growing, but may still be too young to take it all. I think they will go 8-8 in conference.

Patrick: The Demons are starting off in the conference hot but there is a long way to go. The Demons are not

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Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Sophomore guard Tyronn Mitchell dribbles down the court for the Demons.

135 athletes make honor roll

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

With 16 student athletes carrying perfect 4.0 grade point averages, Northwestern State athletics had 135 competitors qualify for the fall semester honor roll by posting averages of 3.0 or better in their studies, reaching a new high in academic achievement for the department.

Julie Lessiter, the academic advisor for athletics, announced the list of 135 student-athletes on the honor roll. Thirty Demon football players were included, along with 24 from the track and field program, 23 from the baseball team, 18 soccer student-athletes, 16 softball players and 10 women's basketball players.

Among the 16 student-athletes with perfect 4.0 averages last semester, five were track and field competitors: Jessica Craig, Dani Moss, Carrie Norton, Abby Salomon and Angel Villa. Three more -- Magali Van Den Bergh, Alex Nieto and Camila Prado -- are Lady Demon tennis players.

Jill Lowe and Stacy Miller represented the women's soccer team in the elite group. Pitcher Casey Johnson of the baseball team also posted a 4.0 in the fall.

Also earning 4.0 averages were two volleyball players, Isabella Duarte and Cathy Herring, along with Nicole McGuirk and Lyndsey Gorski of the softball team and Josh Storrs from the football squad.

"We're extremely proud of the academic performance of our student-athletes, especially these 135 who have made the honor roll," said Lessiter.

"To be a successful student-athlete at the Division I level, you've got to have self-discipline, be highly motivated and have excellent time management skills.

The challenges that every student faces academically represent the most important part, but only part, of the workload these young people encounter each and every day.

They have practices, off-season workouts, road trips, games, and other responsibilities to handle in addition to their academics, and to see how hard they work at it is inspiring.

"I believe a large portion of our student-athletes come here with the right approach and I know that our coaches provide them with the motivation and the opportunity to succeed academically and to ultimately earn degrees," said Lessiter.

"Through the generosity of our supporters, we've been able to provide them with a top-flight study environment at the Johnnie Emmons Academic Center where we have computers and tutors and meeting rooms to provide assistance as necessary.

It's a great environment for our players to prosper academically."



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Demon tennis player Alexandra Nieto finished with a perfect 4.0 during the fall semester at Northwestern State University.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Score

NSU Womens Basketball (9-4)

Jan. 10, 2004
Northwestern State vs McNeese State (3-10)

NSU 65 - MSU 51

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	34	31	**65**
MSU	27	24	51

Jan. 08, 2004
Northwestern State vs SFA (0-11)

NSU 84 - SFA 54

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	47	37	**84**
SFA	17	37	54

Northwestern State vs Louisiana Monroe (6-7)

NSU 79 - ULM 63

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	46	33	**79**
ULM	30	33	63

Key Player:
Amanda Bennett
20 points & 14 rebou
vs. McNeese
Junior forward

NSU Basketball (4-8)
Southland Conferenc

Key Player:
Clifton Lee
20 points vs. McNeese
Sophomore forward

Jan. 10, 2004
Northwestern State vs McNeese St. (4-9)

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	39	45	**84**
MSU	42	36	78

Jan. 8, 2004
Northwestern State vs Stephen F. Austin (9-3)

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	30	34	**64**
NSU	22	40	63

Northwestern State vs Arkansas St.

Score by Halves	1	2	Final
NSU	38	39	77
ASTU	40	40	**80**

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Courtesy Sports Information Bure

BASKETBALL

Bennett, Wallace earn player honors

Northwestern St Amanda Bennett and maine Wallace each w voted SLC "Player of Week" honors Monday.

Bennett, a 5-10 ju forward from Simps averaged 21.5 points a rebounds while sink half her shots (17-34) f the field, including 39 p cent (7 of 18) on 3-po ers.

Wallace, a 6-3 sop more guard from He and Lakeside High Sch averaged 17 points shot 57 percent for Demons.

Bennett and Wallace lead Northwestern int pair of homecourt con ence doublehead Thursday night aga Nicholls State and Sa day afternoon aga Lamar in Prather Co um.

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Adam Barnes Patrick Hart

Warrior to take on NSU

Former professional wrestler The Ultimate Warrior set to lecture Wednesday

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

Former professional wrestler turned motivational speaker Warrior is scheduled to appear at NSU next week as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

SGA Senator Dustin Floyd drafted a bill proposing the allocation of $3500 to cover Warrior's honorarium and travel expenses.

Warrior's speeches are decidedly conservative, with titles such as "Socialism Sucks... the Life Right Out of Living," and "It's My Money. I Want to Keep It."

Warrior's speech at NSU will be a composite of his central beliefs written specifically for Northwestern students.

"Ralph Nader was very leftist, and I wanted someone more to the right... (Warrior and I) both think there are a lot of people on campus that are conservative but don't know it," Floyd said.

Warrior gained fame during the 1980's and early 1990's as a wrestler in the World Wrestling Federation while performing under the moniker "The Ultimate Warrior." He has since legally changed his name to "Warrior" and now focuses on writing and speaking about his conservative political views, according to his official website, www.ultimatewarrior.com.

Comeaux expressed optimism about Warrior's lecture.

"It's going to be interesting to see how he goes about it. I don't think he's going to run around and throw chairs and act like a professional wrestler. I'm looking forward to it... I just hope a lot of students go," Comeaux said.

Other NSU students do not share Comeaux's enthusiasm.

Sophomore Brandon Chauvin said, "I don't want to see the Ultimate Warrior talk about politics. It's ridiculous. It's like seeing a cartoon come to life."

Floyd, however, remains confident that the lecture will be a success, as he feels that Warrior will draw many students who would not ordinarily attend a political speech. "People will be surprised to find out how intelligent he is and how friendly he is," Floyd said.

Warrior's speech will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Student Union. He will be available following his lecture to "hang out, sign autographs and talk to whoever wants to talk to him," Floyd said.

Sheffler reapplies for office

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter



Sheffler

Northwestern State University is currently engaged in a nation-wide search for applicants for the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs.

University President Randall Webb appointed Anthony Sheffler to the position on July 1 of last year to serve an interim term of one year. Sheffler left his job as Dean of the Graduate School to fill the vacant slot in order to give the university time to search for a permanent vice president. Sheffler's interim period will conclude on June 30.

The position is being advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education, a national journal with a section devoted to advertising available positions at colleges and universities. Director of the Social Sciences Department Kass Byrd is heading a committee to conduct the application and interview process. The committee will then present its findings to Webb, who will make the final decision on whom to appoint.

"[The committee] will obviously have a major role in this process because they're representative of the faculty and staff of the university," said Webb.

The vice president oversees a wide variety of university departments and functions.

"Anything that has to do with academics, meaning all the colleges, the library, the student services...the registrar, loans, financial aid, all of that falls under it," Sheffler said. "It is responsible for coordination among the department heads to see

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Delvin Sims/The Current Sauce

Louisiana School students Megan Brasher and Duncan Harrelson take advantage of bubbles erupting out of the fountain near Russell Hall. Adding detergent to the fountain is a common prank at NSU.

Some progress in faculty audit

By Andrew David
Sauce reporter

Small developments have occurred in one audit investigation involving NSU faculty while another continues its progress through the Louisiana political system.

The first of these investigations dated Oct. 30, 2001 involved former Dean of Continuing Education Alvin Brossette and two colleagues, Glenn Moffett and Sherman Vogel.

Then Louisiana Legislative Auditor Daniel Kyle found that Brossette had faked invoices, which allegedly led to the misuse of $60,000.

After a month on paid administrative leave, the Louisiana System's Board of Supervisors denied the termination appeals of the three faculty members and the employment of all three was terminated.

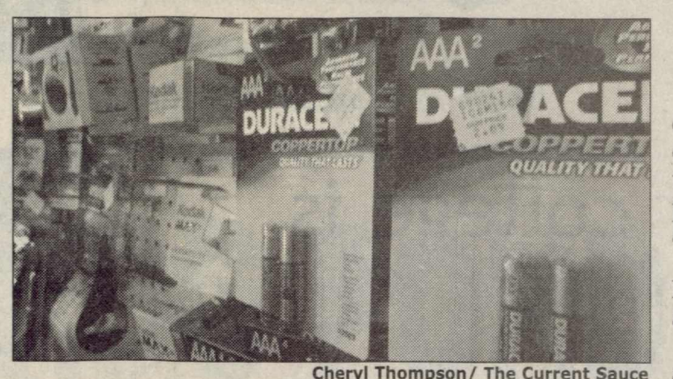
Natchitoches District Attorney Van Kyzar plans to meet with U.S. District Attorney Donald Washington within the next two weeks to discuss possible criminal investigations pertaining to the audit.

Another NSU faculty member involved in questionable money management is former Coordinator of Residential Life Woodrow Blair.

David West, coordinator for the NSU news bureau, said Blair is still on paid administrative leave originally enacted on June 19, 2003.

No new details of the investigation were available at press time.

ARAMark holds C-Store grand opening



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Household items carry higher-than-retail pricetags in the C-Store.

By April Dickson
Sauce reporter

ARAMark's C-Store held its official grand opening Tuesday to show off shelves filled with chips, candy bars, snack packs, batteries and band-aids.

Food Service Director Perry Martin said that the C-Store is a work in progress.

"After the store has been up and running for a while, we will be able to custom tailor it to more students here," Martin said.

The initial set of items carried is based on a list given by ARAMark of the top 100 selling items in convenience stores. After more students use the store, and show interest in other items, the selection will change and expand.

"We try to identify changing trends on campus, and fill the niches in students' days.

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What's Current?

President Bush gives election year State of the Union address; focus on state of economy, war



Courtesy KRT Campus

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President Bush described a nation at peril Tuesday in a State of the Union speech that focused on the threat of terrorism, the challenges in Iraq and the need for more economic growth.

In a nationally televised address that previewed the themes of his re-election campaign, Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq and warned Americans that the nation remains vulnerable to terrorists. He sought to play to his political strengths by casting himself as a tough-minded leader dealing with big challenges.

Borrowing a page from Abraham Lincoln, who urged voters during the Civil War to avoid "changing horses in midstream," Bush called on Americans to stick with him as he confronts terrorism, Iraq and economic problems.

"We have faced serious challenges together and now we face a choice. We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us," he told a joint session of Congress. "We have not come all this way _ through tragedy and trial and war _ only to falter and leave our work unfinished."

On issue after issue, Bush described a nation confronted by challenges _ at risk from terrorism, at risk from "thugs" in Iraq, at risk from "activist judges" who have been "redefining marriage" by striking down laws against gay marriage.

Declaring that "the people's voice must be heard," he threw his support behind a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw same-sex marriages.

"If judges insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the people, the only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process. Our nation must defend the sanctity of marriage," Bush said.

He also urged Congress to renew the Patriot Act, an anti-terrorism law that's set to expire next year. Critics say the law's expanded police powers trample on Americans' constitutional rights, but Bush called it a vital law enforcement tool.

Although Bush highlighted U.S. accomplishments in Iraq and in the war on terrorism, he said much more needs to be done. He urged Americans to avoid being lulled by the absence of attacks on the homeland since Sept. 11, 2001.

"That hope is understandable, comforting _ and false," he said. "The terrorists continue to plot against America and the civilized world. And by our will and courage, this danger will be defeated."

Kerry, Dean in virtual tie for next week's N.H. primary

Courtesy KRT Campus

Riding a newfound wave of support from his upset win in Iowa, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is now in a virtual tie with a struggling Howard Dean for the nation's first presidential primary here next week.

Kerry, whose fortunes once were fading in this, his neighboring state, has suddenly become the Democrat to beat in New Hampshire.

"The last two weeks of this campaign have been really different," Kerry warmly told a crowd turned out Wednesday to see him on the brick-halled campus of Daniel Webster College.

Sounding hoarse from the intense campaign _ running on some nights "without sleep, a lot of cold pizza ... some warm beer" _ Kerry told supporters, "I feel like I'm back in exam week in college."

The examination that New Hampshire's voters make of the Democratic candidates for president will be crucial. Another loss by Dean, the party's front-runner in fund-raising nationally and once the runaway leader in early opinion polling in New Hampshire, could mark the beginning of the end for the former Vermont governor's campaign.

NSU WEATHER FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
60°/39°	57°/48°	66°/52°	62°/47°	66°/44°	68°/36°

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Free counseling and career training available

By Chelsea Smith
Contributing writer

The Northwestern State University Counseling and Career Services (CACS) is a free program available to students who need direction with their future career or personal counseling.

The service offers mock interviews along with tips on effective resume writing. Traci La Bom, career counselor, strongly urges students to use the free assistance.

"A mock interview and professional resume will help you market yourself," La Bom said. "I try and tell everyone I can to use our services."

The center also provides free personal, group and organizational counseling to faculty and students. Various workshops and seminars are sponsored throughout the year.

La Bom also encouraged seniors to enroll in SPS 4000, a professional development course designed to provide further career preparation.

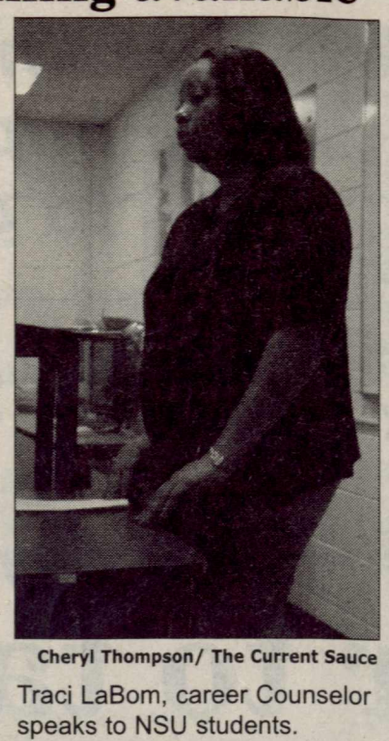
"Mrs. La Bom's speech made me want to sign up for SPS 4000," Jeremy Pace, a senior journalism major said. "It sounds like it will help me get a clearer view on how to make myself more marketable to the professional world."

Despite the free services, La Bom is concerned that many students are unaware of the center's programs.

LaBom said,"We do all we can to get the word out, but I don't think people take full advantage of it [CACS]."

The CACS is located on the third floor of the Sylvan Friedman Student Union in Room 305.

Services are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further information, contact Traci LaBom at 357-5621 or visit the web site www.nsula.edu/ccs.



Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Traci LaBom, career Counselor speaks to NSU students.

C-STORE FROM PAGE 1

The C-Store is one of the ways we were able to do that," Martin said.

Marketing Manager of Food Services Niki M. de Sota said, "Tell us what you want out here, that we can carry. We'll go ahead and get it and put it in the store."

Freshman music education major Lindsay Brown said, "It's convenient. It is expensive, but it's an adequate selection for what it is."

David Steele, freshman music education major, said, "I think probably in emergencies, or if I needed something I couldn't get somewhere else – if I couldn't go off campus – I'd be like, 'Oh well I can just go there and get it.' I think maybe it's a little bit over priced."

Martin said not to expect grocery store deals, like 3 cans for 99 cents. "This is not a grocery store. If you need something real quick, there it is," Martin said.

Martin said, "The C-Store has the standard convenience store prices. It's a convenience store, not Wal-Mart or Brookshire's."

Prices are based on a national average taken by the grocer supply company from which the C-Store receives its products, Martin said.

"Prices at the C-Store are well within the lines of prices at other convenience stores," Martin said.

Sophomore business administration major Lauri Johnson said, "You don't have to go all the way to Wal-Mart to get stuff you need. Maybe for a class or if I ever need milk, I can get a little thing of it."

The store includes personal hygiene products, microwavable meals, snack foods and bulk candy. Because Northwestern has an alcohol-free campus, no alcoholic beverages will be available at the C-Store.

The C-Store also does not have tobacco products. Martin said, "At this point we don't have any plans to sell them right now. I don't think parents would want their kids spending their food money on cigarettes."

Martin said that ARAMark decided to experiment with the C-Store idea after reviewing student surveys conducted over past semesters.

"Some of the suggestions we received from students said they needed some sort of convenience store on campus," Martin said.

Martin said that the C-Store was fully funded by ARAMark, and that none of the money came from student accounts. Martin said, "We are trying to do something for the students. We hope they appreciate the fact that we are trying to do something new for them."

De Sota said, "It's really good to give back to the kids, to say thank you. We appreciate you letting us put this in for you."

The store is open 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sun., 10 a.m. to midnight Mon.-Thur., 10 a. m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and closed Saturday.

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NSU Police Blotter

1-13-04

4:22 p.m.
The Natchitoches Parish Hospital was called to the field house to transport a patient.

1-14-04

1:15 p.m.
A call was made from the University Columns regarding drug use. The subject was charged with simple possession.

3:34 p.m.
Detective Armstrong called regarding a warrant for the arrest of a male subject on the loose. Campus police were advised to be on the lookout. The subject was turned over to the Natchitoches police department officials at 3:57 p.m.

1-15-04

12:20 p.m.
A wreck involving a green Dodge and a white Ford Escort occurred in front of Bienvenu Hall. There were no injuries, and the subjects left the scene because they were late for class.

2:59 p.m.
Three females came to the campus police station to report two male subjects in the LSMSA parking lot trying to lure females who were alone to their trunk to smell perfume.

8:12 p.m.
A young child was injured at the men's basketball game. His father transported him to the Natchitoches Parish hospital for stitches.

1-16-04

10:46 p.m.
A report came in that the fountain was filled with soap suds.

1-17-04

9:35 p.m.
A call was received from Sabine front desk stating that there was a medical emergency. The Natchitoches Parish hospital was en route until it was determined that the call was a joke. The subject was playing a joke on her roommate and was unaware that she was making the call.

1-20-04

2:11 p.m.
A call came from the University Columns regarding drug use. The search yielded no results.

Elizabeth Bolt

Campus Connections

SAB accepting applications for the following positions::

1 Boozman Hall representative
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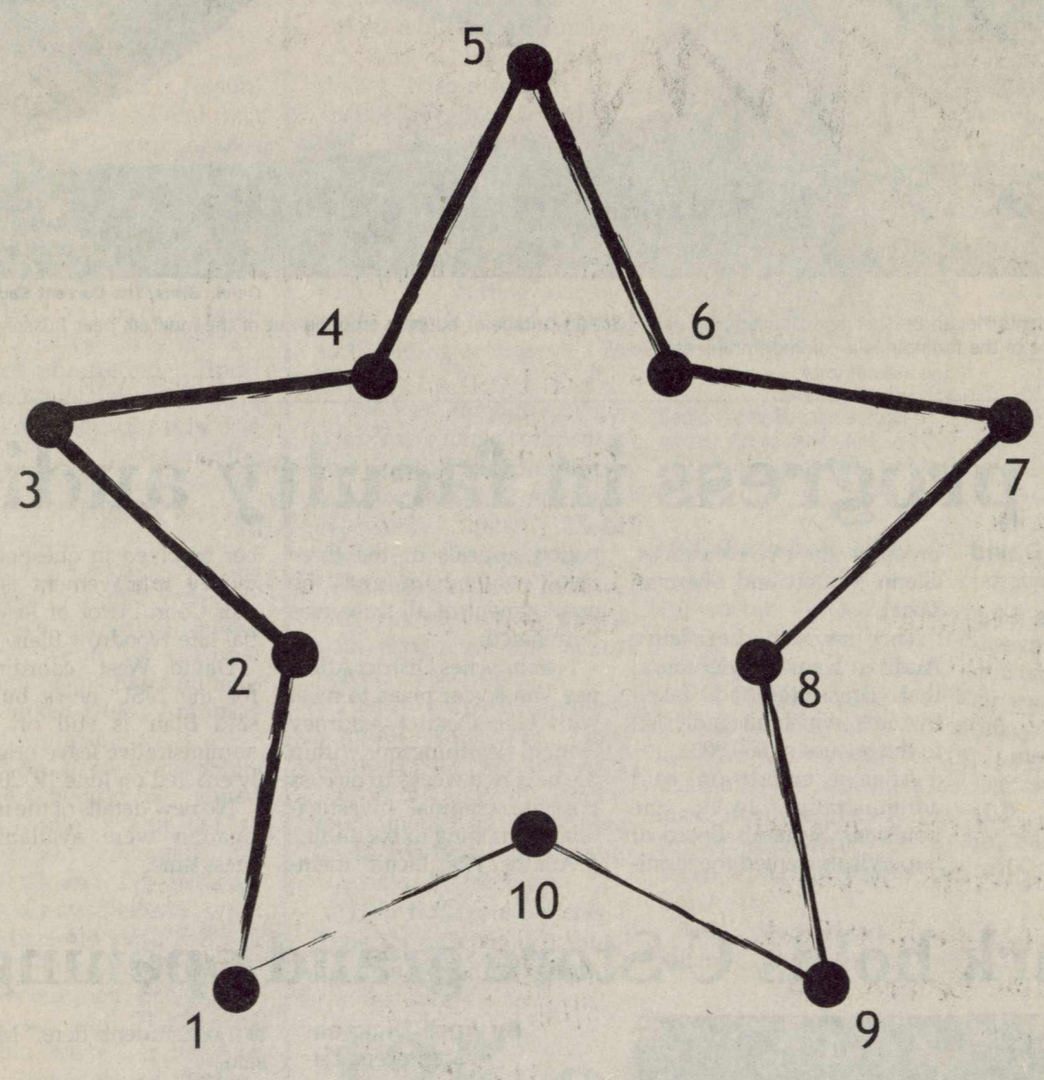
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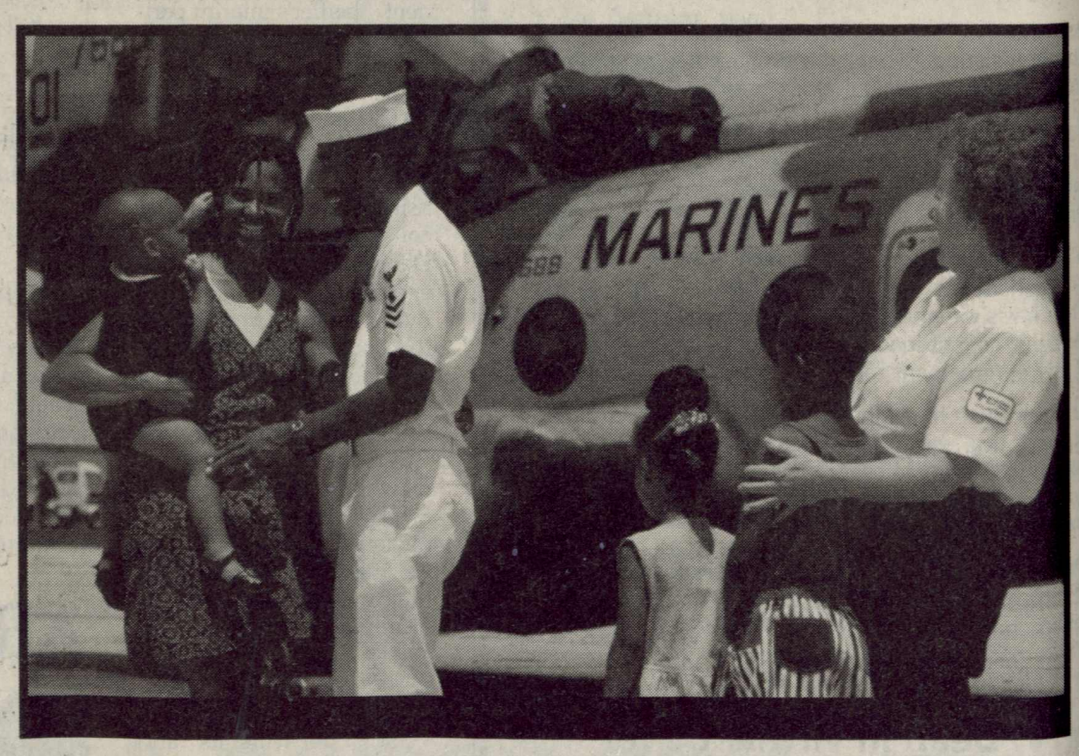


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Studies employ trickery to find why U.S. so fat

Courtesy KRT Campus

On a brisk fall morning, professor Brian Wansink welcomed four graduate students to his lab for what they thought was a taste test of tomato soup.

Unbeknown to the students, two of the four soup bowls were rigged to remain full, fed by hidden tubes. Twenty minutes later, the two students were surprised to learn their bowls had supply holes in the bottom and that they had eaten a third more than their colleagues.

That test is one of the experiments the University of Illinois' Wansink has conducted to figure out why people often eat more than they should, a concern when the medical community, the food industry and the government are under pressure to figure out why so many Americans are overweight and what can be done about it.

Wansink is among researchers nationwide who are studying how external factors from packaging to advertising to dining companions influence eating behavior. Experiments show that people do not necessarily stop eating when their stomachs tell them to and in some cases offer lessons that could help to curb the obesity epidemic in America. "People believe they're pretty good at calibrating what they eat," said Wansink, 43, who studies the psychology of food.

"I don't think they are. I think they rely on benchmarks, essentially the fill level of the bowl. There tends to be this visual cue that you're full."

During two years of Wansink's soup experiment, students with bottomless bowls tended to eat 40 percent more than test subjects with regular bowls.

"I wasn't aware of it," said Nina Huesgen, one of the students with a trick bowl. "That's why I feel so filled up, I guess."

Jason Stokes, who was similarly duped, said, "I did notice that my bowl level wasn't going down very much, but I thought that was because I wasn't eating very much."

The soup test is one of the methods Wansink has used to show that people often struggle to control their eating. People will shovel in a bucket of popcorn even if it's stale, and they'll gobble one candy after another if it's within arm's reach, Wansink has found.

The research by Wansink, a professor of marketing, nutritional science and agricultural economics, is particularly relevant because recent studies have shown that portions in restaurants and in homes have increased in the last few decades, most notably in "super-size" fries and soft drinks offered by fast-food restaurants.

Recognizing the importance of portion size, the federal government is reworking the serving-size section of the nutrition facts label on food packages to try to make it more useful to consumers. The current description of serving sizes is so confusing that consumers may be underestimating how much they are eating, the Federal Trade Commission said in a recent letter to the Food and Drug Administration, which had sought comment from other federal agencies on controlling obesity.

The FTC also questioned whether serving-size information on the food label was "sufficiently clear and prominent."

Some argue that the food industry should help by crafting smaller portions in supermarkets and in restaurants. But persuading food packagers to encourage less eating will be a tough sell, analysts say, because companies make more money if they sell more food.

Some nutritionists say the increase in portion size has fueled the obesity epidemic, but Barbara Rolls, a professor of nutritional sciences at Penn State University, said it is difficult to prove that the increase in portion size causes obesity.

The focus on where and how people eat needs to continue, said Rolls, who has conducted research similar to Wansink's.

"I think it needs to be easier for people to eat healthier," she said. "It's too easy for us to eat huge portions of high-calorie food.

In Rolls' research, she offered men and women different sizes of submarine sandwiches over four days. When served a 12-inch sandwich as compared with a 6-inch sandwich, men ate 56 percent more than the men given a 6-inch sandwich while women served the longer sandwiches ate 31 percent more than their counterparts who received the shorter sandwiches.

Wansink said he believes portion size is a factor that contributes to obesity, along with such features of modern life as elevators and computer games that discourage exercise

"In the obesity war, portion size is the first casualty," said Wansink. "It's easy to point at, and we don't have to take responsibility because we can blame the restaurant or the packaged food manufacturer."

Wansink, who founded the University of Illinois' Food & Brand Lab, suggested that the federal government, which is in the process of revising the nutrition label on the side of packaged foods, could reconfigure the label so that consumers can better relate what and how much they are eating to their weight.

For example, instead of stating that a handful of granola has 200 calories, the label instead could say the consumer would have to walk two miles to burn it off.

As for ways the food industry could help, Wansink conducted an experiment that people who have stuffed themselves on potato chips might appreciate.

He offered three different groups Lay's Stax potato chips, a product that boasts "The crispy crunch will keep you coming back for more."

The first group received regular chips; the second got chips in which every seventh chip was red, and the third were served chips in which every 14th chip was red.

Without being told the reason for the red chips, participants nonetheless used them as a guidepost for how much to eat, Wansink said. The participants who ate the least had the potato chips in which every seventh chip was red, followed by the group in which every 14th chip was red.

"With chips, we kind of eat until we feel sated," he said. "But what happens if in a very in-your-face kind of way at the seventh chip there's a divider and you say, `Hey, how many have I eaten?' All of the sudden, it's an abrupt way to monitor how much you ate."

Wansink's research has produced some common-sense tips for weight-conscious consumers.

Office secretaries ate 25 percent more candy when it was on top of their desk rather than in a desk drawer. People who drank out of short, fat glasses consumed considerably more than those who used tall, skinny glasses, even though the glasses held the same amount.

"The tendency we have is to focus on heights instead of widths," Wansink wrote in a report on the study. "That's why, for instance, people say, `Boy, is the St. Louis Arch high.' But they never say, `Boy, is it wide,' even though the dimensions are identical."

In one of Wansink's more revealing experiments, he offered free popcorn to moviegoers at a $1 movie theater outside Philadelphia. The movie "Stargate" was showing, and Wansink told the moviegoers the free popcorn was part of a celebration of the theater's anniversary. Half the audience was given fresh popcorn, either in small containers or in jumbo buckets; half received 14-day-old popcorn in small and jumbo containers.

"We had them write down what they thought about the popcorn, and 82 percent of the people who were given the old popcorn said it was terrible," Wansink said. Nonetheless, the moviegoers with the jumbo buckets of stale popcorn ate 33 percent more popcorn than those with the smaller container.

In the soup experiment, Wansink and his colleagues had to work out some early kinks before they could gather reliable data. During one taste test, the tubing came loose, causing one of the bottomless bowls to drain like a bathtub onto the floor; clamps are now used to hold the tubing in place.

Other problems surfaced because the level of the soup bowls and the stockpot were not calibrated to make sure the soup flowed properly through the tubing.

On one occasion, a student's soup started bubbling because of an imbalance between the stockpot and the bowl, said James Painter, chairman of Eastern Illinois University's Family and Consumer Sciences Department who collaborated with Wansink. Another time, a student who wasn't eating much soup was stunned to see her soup rising in the bowl; the experiment was stopped when the bowl started to overflow.

On the other hand, at times the experiment has worked all too well.

"One guy drank almost a quart (of soup)," Painter recalled. " I said, `What were you doing?' And he said, `I was trying to reach the bottom of the bowl.'"

SHEFFLER

FROM PAGE 1

that the goals that the president sets for the university are operationalized and that we're addressing them…it's a stressful job, frankly."

Sheffler said that he feels his term is going well, and has applied to keep the position.

"But I told Dr. Webb to get the person that he feels, and that the committee feels, is best suited for a long term stay…and I will support whoever gets the position 100 percent," Sheffler said.

Webb declined to comment on the likelihood of appointing Sheffler to the position permanently. "He has been doing well thus far…I don't want to bias the committee," Webb said.

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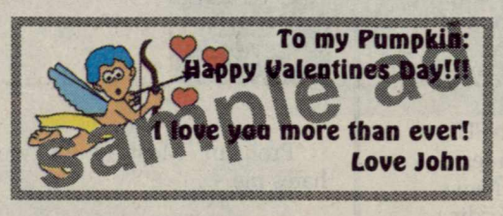
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Last week's story titled "Speed Demon system in full swing, usage grows" cited SGA Vice President Scott Manguno as a source and mistakenly titled him "SGA President." The *Sauce* apologizes for the error.

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Staff editorial

What's up with the audit?

Headlines announcing faculty and staff members of NSU being placed under fire for alleged misdoings have made common appearances in the Sauce over the past few semesters. However, the Sauce staff, to much dismay, has found it extremely difficult to properly update these notable cases. Here, the staff asks, "Where is that information, and why aren't we readily receiving it?"

Beginning in Nov. 2002, the Current Sauce ran a series of stories regarding the then alleged misuse of $60,000 of University funds by three NSU faculty members, most notably former Continuing Education Dean Alvin Brossette Jr. An investigation followed confirming the allegations of money misuse, and after a series of appeals, the University officially terminated the three faculty members in March 2003.

Eventually, the whole story came out, but Sauce reporters found it exceedingly difficult to obtain much-needed information.

One reporter noted that sources would not talk, and many of them claimed that the University instructed them not to release information to the press.

The Brossette audit is long over, but the question remains: Will the three men involved eventually pay a larger price for their misdoings than simply losing their jobs? As earlier noted by the Sauce, misappropriation theft in Louisiana has a maximum criminal penalty of a 10-year jail sentence. It is nearly 10 months after the conclusion of the audit, and no criminal charges have been filed. Why is that?

In June 2003, another NSU employee was placed under investigation. The NSU News Bureau reported that Coordinator of Residential Life Woody Blair was placed on paid administrative leave for allegedly "violating student employment payroll procedures". Unfortunately, the phrase quoted above is vague, and the Sauce has been unable to obtain any new information since June to clarify it.

The Sauce understands that Blair has not been officially charged with anything, but the vagueness of the allegations against him leaves one to question if the University has something to hide.

The *Sauce* staff would like to thank ARAMark for donating food to us on Tuesday. We appreciate your generosity!

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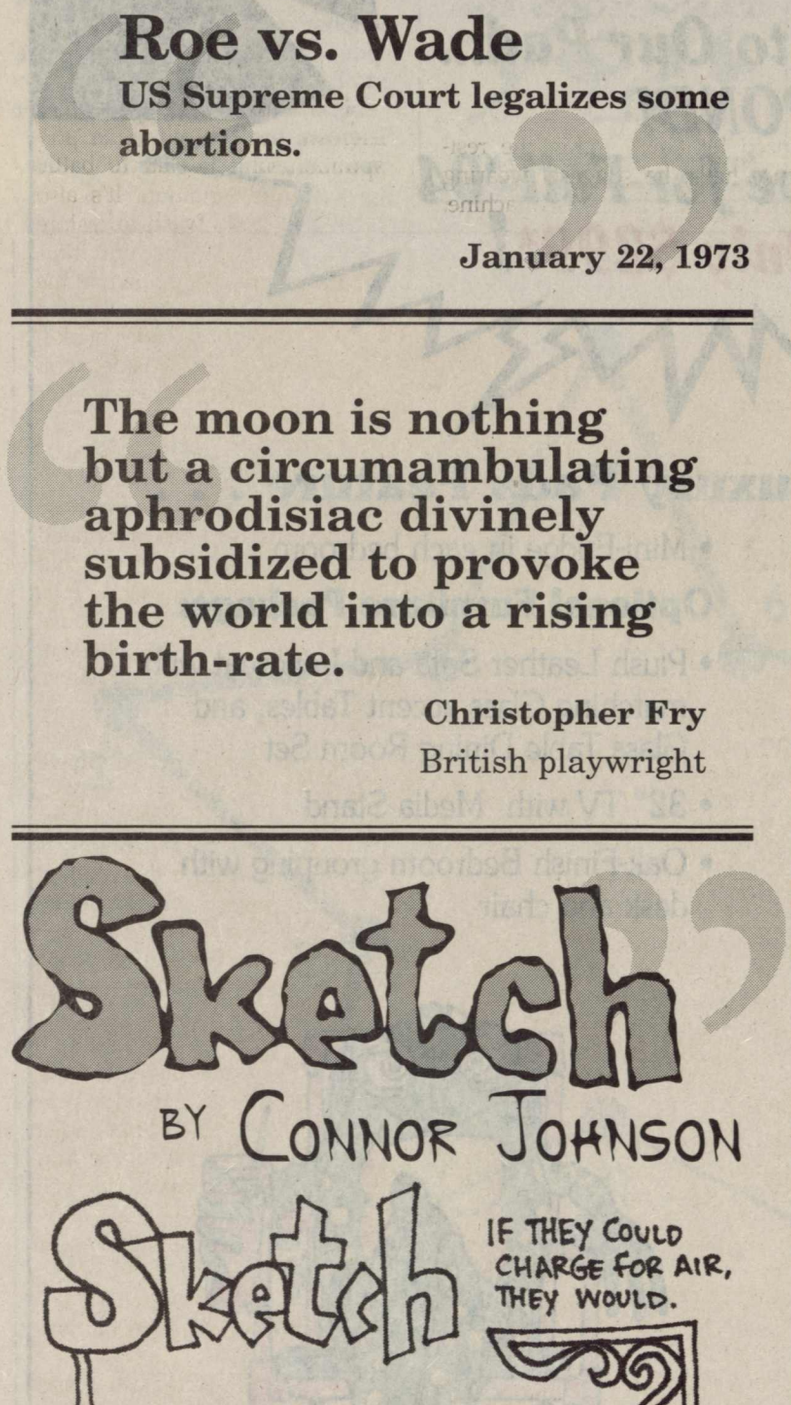
Roe vs. Wade

US Supreme Court legalizes some abortions.

January 22, 1973

"The moon is nothing but a circumambulating aphrodisiac divinely subsidized to provoke the world into a rising birth-rate."

Christopher Fry
British playwright



Column

FILLER

Smart Politics, Stupid Policies



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

*Problem: Most of the world hates me.

*Solution: Take us to space! Again!

President Bush has decided that in the wake of the massive backlash his war has caused, he's going to make several shameless bids for public approval, among them the refinancing of NASA with the goal of going to the moon again, and from there, Mars. Coming conveniently on the heels of the Mars rover's landing and transmission of high-resolution pictures, Bush's plan puts us back on the moon no later than 2020 and on Mars no sooner than 2030. The budget for the first phase of the project? $12 billion, a figure that many criticize as far too little to build the space vehicle Bush envisions.

So what's getting scrapped to pay for this? The net increase in NASA's budget is a mere billion dollars. The other $11 billion is going to be shuffled around inside the space agency, taken from several current projects. The first thing to go is our support of the international space station, followed by the Hubble telescope.

Two days after Bush announced the change in financial priorities, NASA announced that further missions to service the telescope will be scrapped, citing concerns over safety in the wake of the explosion of the Columbia. You believe that? Yeah, me either.

Am I in favor of more missions to space? Certainly! Frankly, I think it's a crime we don't have a generation ship passing the orbit of Jupiter at the moment, and an articulated goal is good for NASA. Nonetheless, we're looking at having the entire shuttle program phased out over the course of the next decade in favor of a pie-in-the-sky political maneuver. We need to be focusing on new propulsion systems and solid ways to support human life for extended periods of time in space, not throwing still more underfunded mandates (No Astronaut Left Behind?) at the American people in a pathetic attempt to win votes. Bush (TERRORIST) once again (9-11) proves himself (GOD) the master of (PATRIOTISM) misdirection.

Got something to say?
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J. Aaron Brow is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column will appear weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

A world of appearance



By Shantel M. Wempren

Open a magazine. Any magazine. Look at the pictures. Do you want to be like the person you see? Do you want to be the slender girl with perfect skin and dazzling eyes? Do you want to be that guy with messy hair and a perfect shave and big muscles? Of course you do. How far would you be willing to go to become that person? How much are you willing to sacrifice of yourself in order to fit that image?

Fame is done with light and mirrors, and today, a computer. The people you see in magazines don't really look like that. Blemishes can be repaired. Pounds can be shaved off. And whatever they do look like takes a lot of time and money but it still isn't good enough. Imagine having a job that requires you to spend hours working out just for your appearance in one photograph. Imagine having to spend an hour or more in make-up just to make a public appearance.

Have you ever woken up one morning and thought that you are not good enough because you don't look like the people you see in magazines. Many people have. So many people, in fact, that depression is high, self esteem is low, and weight issues, well, are growing.

Is anyone else tired of being judged by appearance? Is anyone else tired of people passing by and saying "How you doing, baby?" or "Looking good, hey can I get some of that?"

Knowing what it feels like to not fit in just because of appearance and knowing what it feels like to be dated just because of appearance feels kind of depressing. So depressing in fact that I may start wearing a paper bag over my head, a burlap sack to hide my figure and a requirement for the next person I date may be blindness. Do you see me now?

Shantel M. Wempren is a NSU freshman. Her column will appear weekly on the editorial page. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

Letters to the Editor

The end of the saga

Wow. Congratulations to you Jenny Rhea. You completely wasted writing room in the Current Sauce last week. I'm sorry you disagreed with my remarks to Ms. Sharp and my "subject-verb agreement." Unfortunately, while you were giving me English class, I was working, relaxing, and spending time with family; things that people normally do on the holidays. I'm glad you did have the time to grammar check my article and totally miss the whole point of its text. As much fun as it sounds, I can't take 20 hours of English this semester; for one, that being virtually impossible, and for two I don't think a MECHANICAL ENGINEER would have efficient use for it. I am not writing this letter to degrade you Ms. Rhea. The reason for writing is that we are filling up the pages of a college newspaper with controversy that a high school student created and it must be ended. To sum the situation: high school student degrades entire college campus, I (a college student) degraded her, and now you (a college student) degrade me. I refuse to carry on with the put-downs and insults among NSU students over a high school students remarks. I admit, some of the things in my article were out of line and I do apologize to Ms. Sharp and anyone who was offended by them. I am sorry you misread me Ms. Rhea and mistook me for the type of student Ms. Sharp so kindly categorized all NSU students as.

I do agree with Ms. Rhea on the responses from Ms. Sharp's classmates. They were very well written and commendable. I hope the majority of the students at NCHS resemble the ones who wrote.

As to my colleagues at NSU, thanks for your support and making our campus such a great place. Continue to be goal-driven students and the best of luck to you in the future.

Cory Knight
Mechanical Engineering Major

[Eds. note: This will be the last published editorial concerning the NCHS student's editorial.]

Filler issues

My name is Micah Malbroux and I am a Criminal Justice major at NSU. I am writing in response to the article in the Filler section of Current Sauce entitled The Race Card by J. Aaron "Q" Brown. Mr. Brown made several statements in this article that were deeply disturbing to me, and I felt compelled to respond. "Race should not be an issue in American politics." - J. Aaron "Q" Brown. The decripit state of the educational system that directly affects minority youths, the American penal system that is comprised by nearly 60% African American males- who make up less than 10% of the American population are only a few of the issues that race has a direct bearing on. The fact that presidential canidate Howard Dean has never appointeda minority to his cabinet gives one the impression that he is not concerened with a culturally diverse workforce. This in my mind; should be a concern of all Americans. There is one statement made by "Q" that I do agree with, and that is that self-righteous talk will not change those who are still entrenched in a racist mindset. However, neither will down playing the importance race has in American politics and how minorities are directly afffected by laws imposed by government officials.

Micah Malbroux
Criminal Justice Major

More Filler Issues

This letter is to respond to your article in Thursday, January 15th's edition of the SAUCE.

You mentioned, "Race should not be an issue in modern American politics." I strongly disagree with this comment. Before you dismiss what I have to say, let me start by saying I did find most of your story reflects some similar feelings I have about politics in America. I am a mixed American NATURALIZED citizen of Black and Filipino decent. I usually don't speak out on race issues, whether in my personal or professional life, because I, like you, feel tired of race being a factor in someone's success.

But I strongly disagree with you saying "constant harping on race relations obscures the real issues of the dismal state of American education, war abroad, and Bush's continuing deficit spending." Race issues do NOT obscure these issues. Race issues fuel these issues, in my opinion. Yes you are a white American and I'm sure you are very diversified in your views, but I would like to enlighten you a little further.

On the "dismal state of American education" issue. Yes, statistically minorities have contributed to a great deal of America's bad education name and the fact that we can't stand proud as a nation and boast high test scores, but what has also happened is the scales are starting to balance out. There are just as many pure-bread white Americans slacking in school, as there are minorities. How can we fix this? A politician needs to be very knowledgeable of the demographics of many races and cultures to better produce programs to raise test scores and help Americans hold their heads up high. So yes, race is an issue here.

The "war abroad" issue may not seem to be much of a race issue, but it certainly is. Black Americans comprise a huge population of our troops. Many Black Americans choose to provide service to our country in return for a better education or life benefits. Many also choose this route because they have lived hard lives and anything dealing with money and success is not seen as an option for some of them. They turn to the service as a job with benefits, as a meal ticket, or as a way out of the ghetto. So a politician that understands this can probably find ways to help these Black Americans find jobs and education without having to sacrifice their lives for the American dream

Now the popular issue—"Bush's continuing deficit spending." Now there is not much into this other than simple ignorance. Bush had many supporters for many reasons, a big majority of minorities did not favor Bush, for reasons to broad for this letter, but many others did support him. If a poll were to be taken on his views and popularity among minorities, you may find that he is not favored by minorities, unlike how Clinton would be. A politician knowing this could use this information to better his campaign. Furthermore, maybe if more minorities would be educated in politics, or educate themselves, another expensive president would not be in office.

You may or may not agree with what I had to say, but I hope it gave you an understanding that just because a person wants to discuss race, it doesn't have to be a negative thing.

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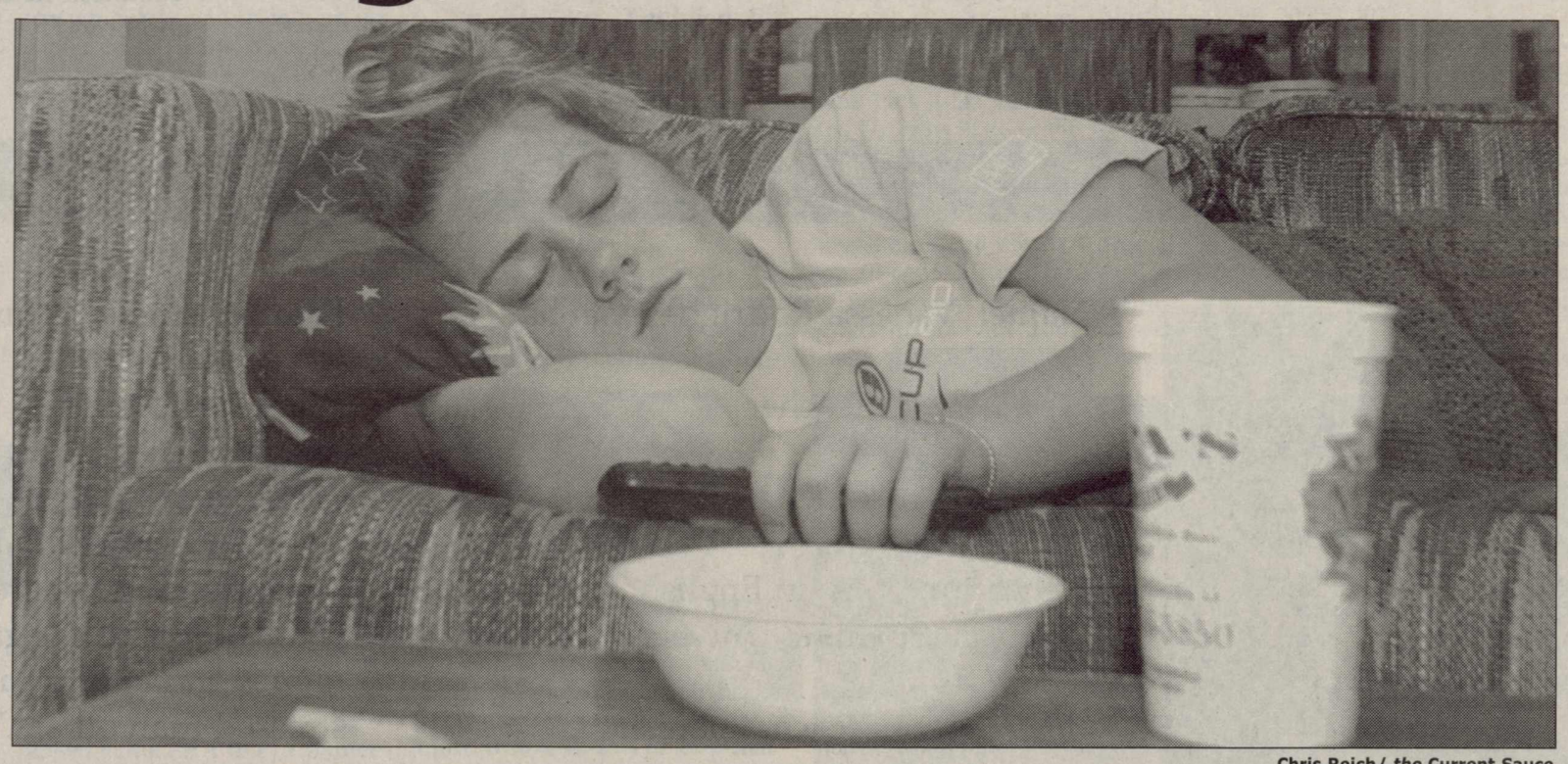
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SOULFUL TEDDY

Sleeping Beauty: Y to get those ZZZ's



Chris Reich/ *the* Current Sauce

Kait Dowman, freshman health and human science major, passed out on her couch after lack of sleep from spring soccer training.

By Toi La Shea Rogers
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"This is my sorry for 2004 and I ain't gonna mess up no more, this year, I'm a take this one chance to make it real clear…" is just one bar of many that you will be hearing this year from the 2003 American Idol.

While Clay Aiken, the runner-up for the 2003, American Idol, was first out of the gates with his two singles, *This Is the Night*, and *Invisible*, the long anticipated *Soulful* album by Ruben Studdard is making America fall in love with the "Velvet Teddy Bear" all over again.

It has been a long time since there was an R&B CD that I owned and enjoyed, playing it all the way through without skipping a track. In every song from *Sorry 2004*, to *We Have Not Forgotten*, featuring gospel singer Fred Hammond, Ruben shows us why we voted him the 2003, American Idol.

Just like its title, the CD is very soulful with a hint of rap and old skool flavor. Every song is laid over a tight beat and demonstrates Studdard's vocal abilities and different ranges.

Two of Studdard's influences are spotlighted on the album with re-makes of *How Can You Mend a Broken Heart*, by Al Green and *Superstar*, by Luther Vandrosss. Studdard keeps the original style of the songs, but adds a touch of Ruben to sort of make it his own.

So, if you were ever to take advice from a *Current Sauce* writer, this is the advice to take. Ruben Studdard's *Soulful* is a great investment to make and one of the best R&B CDs that we will see this year. So go pick up this CD and thank me later.

By Raquel Hill
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It is widely assumed that the average adult only needs six hours of sleep to be healthy. However, more and more researchers are discovering that six hours of sleep is not enough for students in college.

Sleep is very important—period. Humans need sleep not only for survival, but to thrive as well.

Dr. Erica Heilman, a sleep psychologist, posted an article on www.healthy-sleeping.com to help others understand the importance of sleep and its effects on the body.

Heilman explains that sleep refreshes the body and the mind, and allows it to be ready for another day. By restoring the mind, it allows the brain to think more clearly and become less confused. It also returns all chemical levels to normal.

Heilman also clarifies the effects on the body if it does not get the proper amount of sleep.

"The first thing that happens if you don't get enough sleep is you have problems with your memory and concentration. Usually there are word-finding difficulties-you can't find the words you are thinking of. People also get irritable with lack of sleep. At its extreme, sleep deprivation can lead to death; for example, lab rats die of infection if they are sleep deprived. So we know that sleep is somehow related to the immune system. It restores the body physically."

Sleep needs are based on the individual requisite. A young child and an elderly adult need about the same amount of sleep: eight to ten hours. Adults from 25-50 years in age are said to only require about five or six hours of sleep per day.

The big surprise to most young adults (ages 16-24) is that the daily requirement of sleep should be from seven to eight hours.

Stephanie Campbell, a Registered Nurse at NSU Health Services said, "Everyone is different. For some students, only five or six hours of sleep are needed while others need seven or eight hours a night."

A newly discovered disorder, Social Sleep Disorder, has been found to be affected by the environment of a typical college student. Students in college are more incline to stay up later to either party or study when others are doing so as well.

Along with this, students still have to get up early the following morning to attend class.

Sleep studies have been shown that without a proper sleep schedule, a student may not be inclined to attend or do well in class, as opposed to a student who follows a regular sleeping pattern every day.

Campbell also noted that there was a recent study of the effects of sleep deprivation on the brain. The study deprived several human subjects of sleep for 48 hours. After that period, it was observed that these subjects who lacked sleep began to have mild to strong hallucinations.

Dr. Ira Freidman, a clinical psychologist, noted on webMD that if a student is having trouble sleeping at night, he or she should limit their use of nicotine, alcohol and caffeine.

Also, if sleep deprivation is caused by noise within the residence halls, he suggests wearing earplugs or a white-noise machine. If a student is not getting enough sleep at night, it also could be due to a lack of regular exercise. A solution to this problem is to walk for 30 minutes every other day; the body will believe it is tired and will want to rest.

Fashionable Focus

Raquel Hill



Male Maintenance

Scenario

A girl has a beautiful townhouse or apartment with large rooms and a grand bathroom. She invites a guy friend over to use her shower because he has not paid his water and electric bills. He arrives at the girl's apartment and she takes him directly to the bathroom. While he is in the bathroom, he begins to notice that every spare inch has been taken over by the endless amount of beauty and grooming products she has collected. He begins to rummage through some of them, and then experiment. He thinks, why don't they make more products like this for men? Well, Skippy, your fairy god-columnist is about to answer your prayers.

Nowadays, more and more beauty companies are making male grooming products available to the public. By grooming products, I don't just mean soaps, shaving creams, and deodorants. There are tons of other concoctions out there that are meant to help the male species look and feel great. To learn a little more about what's out there, I took the initiative to do a little research on the web.

Five Hot Products Every Guy Needs

1. **Facial Wash**

What makes this product so special is that it gets rid of all of the dirt, oil, pollution, and perspiration, and is said to battle bacteria and irritation. It's also great as a body wash to restore the natural pH balance and thoroughly cleanse deep down in the pores. It will not over-dry the skin and almost all types of skin can use it. The downside: you must use a moisturizer after cleansing.

2. **Anti-Redness Treatment**

This product is made for those skin types that get red or irritated when exposed to harsh cold weather or extreme heat. It is designed to act as a protective "force field" between your skin and the environment, and relieve your face from irritation.

3. **Vitamin Enriched Shave Crème**

This may sound like ordinary shaving cream, but it definitely is not! The enzymes in this product actually softens facial hair before the shave. It then opens the pores on the face for a closer, smoother and cleaner shave.

4. **Alcohol-Free Deodorant**

This deodorant provides long lasting freshness and odor protection. It is alcohol-free, so it will not irritate the under-arm area and is safe enough on even the most sensitive of skin. Bonus: It will not stain your clothes.

5. **Seaweed & Sage Shower Wash**

Stimulating, invigorating and purifying, this shower gel is a real pick-me-up for dull skin. Using mild natural cleansing agents, this shower wash will gently cleanse and tone your skin while the aroma makes it a real pleasure to use. So, if you need to wake yourself up in the morning, or perhaps take a nice, brisk shower so you can stay up studying, this is the perfect product for you. Bonus: You can get clean without smelling feminine at all.

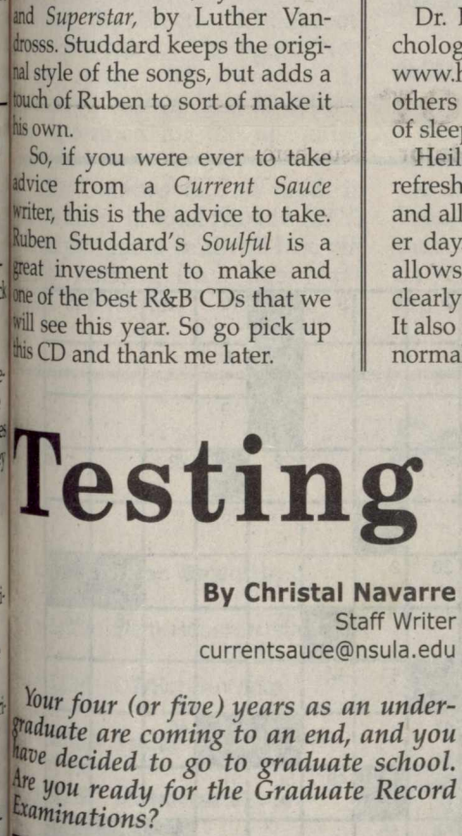
Conclusion

So, did we find anything that we liked, boys? Perhaps now, you won't be as inclined to borrow a girlfriend's shave gel or body wash when you've got your own manly, signature scent to apply. Good luck with product hunting and happy grooming, guys!

Testing Zone 101: GRE grinding

By Christal Navarre
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Your four (or five) years as an undergraduate are coming to an end, and you have decided to go to graduate school. Are you ready for the Graduate Record Examinations?



Cheryl Thompson/*the* Current Sauce

What is the Graduate Record Examination?

The GRE is the test taken to enter into a master's program. There are two basic types: a general test and a subject test. The general measures skills developed over a period of time, but are not related to any specific field. The subject measures a person's achievement in a specific field of study such as psychology, literature, business, etc.

The GRE is comprised of three areas: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. Each section is also timed. The analytical writing is broken down into two sections, both of which are essays. The first section is 'Present Your Perspective on an Issue,' and must be completed in 45 minutes. The second section is an 'Analyze and Argument' essay that must be done in 30 minutes. The verbal test is 30 minutes, and the quantitative is 45 minutes.

"It was comparable to the SAT," Brandon Wilks, a senior psychology major said, "The verbal was the most difficult section for me with the two essays being the easiest."

Melinda Cortez, also a senior psychology major, agreed that the verbal was the hardest.

"Study the dictionary," Cortez advised.

Registration, Due Dates, Centers and Fees

The general GRE can be taken in one of two ways, either on the computer or on paper. The computer-based tests have the advantage of being given year round, but open test dates cannot be confirmed until a person registers. It is advised to register early because testing centers fill up quickly. Registration for the paper-based test is Feb. 6, and the test is on March 13. The subject tests are not given on the computer, and registration is due by Feb. 27, with the test on April 3.

Testing centers differ for the computer and paper-based tests. For the CBTs, the closest testing center is in Bossier City. There are also centers in Baton Rouge, Metairie, Monroe and New Orleans. There are no testing centers available at this time for the paper-based general GRE, but the subject GRE can be taking in several places, one of which is on the Northwestern main campus. Other testing centers for the subject GRE are Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport. Phone numbers for testing centers can be found in the GRE registration booklet.

Registration can be done by mail, and the forms can be found outside the Testing Center on the third floor of the Student Union. Just pick up the GRE booklet sitting on the bookcase outside the doors. Registration can also be done by phone with the Prometric Candidate Services Call Center at 1-800-473-2255, or the specific test centers, and on the internet at www.gre.com (this requires a credit card).

Of course nothing is truly free in this world. Like any other nation-wide education test, the GRE has a fee. The general costs $115, and the subject $130. But there is help. For those eligible, there is a fee waiver. The waivers are for college senior and unenrolled college graduates who meet certain requirements. The requirements can be found in the GRE registration booklet, or by calling the financial aid office. The financial aid office on campus said that they were too busy to comment on the waiver or the requirements. The GRE booklet says that the waiver can be used for only one general and one subject test. If the requirements are met, the financial aid office is supposed to send the fee waiver and a copy of your Institutional Student Information Report. These must be sent in, by mail only, with the registration.

Scores

Scoring for each test is different. With the general GRE there are three scores, one for each section. Both the verbal and quantitative sections are scored on a scale of 200-800. In the analytical writing section, each essay receives a number on a scale of 0-6. The subject test receives only one total score, on a scale of 200-990. The specific subsection (psychology, biochemistry, etc…) is scored on a scale of 20-99.

The GRE also has something those pesky ACT and SAT don't: getting the scores over the phone before they are mailed out. The GRE scores take up to six weeks to come in, but those taking the general test can call on or after April 17 for their scores, and on May 5 for subject tests. CBTs cannot be checked over the phone. This service has a $10 fee, and you must know your seven-digit registration number, the test date and your social security number or 16-digit confirmation number.

Preparation

As with any test, it is important to study, and not just at the last minute. The EST provides free materials for those who register on time. Those taking the CBT are sent the GRE POWERPREP CD-ROM, and those taking the paper-based general and subject tests are giving practice test books.

While Cortez and senior psychology major Jonathan Norwood said they only used the POWERPREP to study, Wilks also used the Princeton Review and the Kaplan review to prepare. Of course it is always a good idea to use more than one source to study, but books are expensive. A few favorites were priced online for comparison using Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble online.

Advice

After asking the students on their GRE experiences, they offered some advice. Wilks advised to study for the test months in advance in order to build-up vocabulary.

Norwood's advice to future GRE takers is, "Breathe. You have plenty of time and it's better to get a few right answers than a lot of wrong ones."

Some Top Favorites	Amazon	BN
Kaplan GRE Exam 2004 with CD-ROM	$33	$26.40
The GRE for Dummies	$11.89	$11.89
Word Smart for the GRE	$10.36	$11.65
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Correction:

Last week's Q & A title should have read: "What is your New Year's resolution?"

Q&A

What is your phobia?



Crystal Ward
Junior
Social Work Major

"I am afraid of roller-coasters."



Victoria Remedies
Junior
Psychology Major

"I don't like heights."



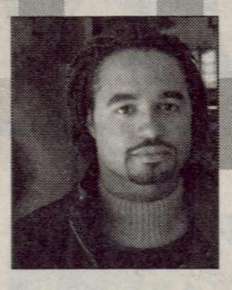
Kristian Gorr
Freshman
Music education Major

"Tornadoes and snakes because they are ugly."



Raelynn Vilcan
Freshman
Education Major

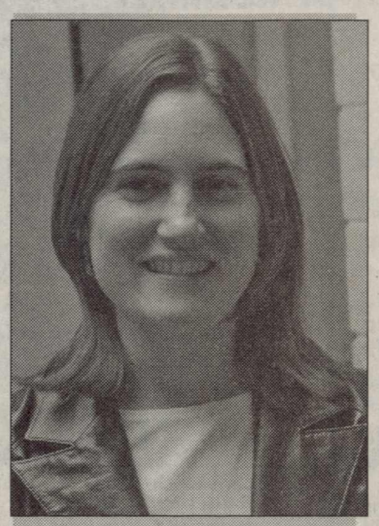
"Haunted houses and boys."



Remelle White
Junior
Hospitality Management Major

"Not accomplishing anything before I die. That is my biggest fear."

Getting to know you



Name: Vanessa Rodriguez-Garcia

Occupation: Teacher

Hometown: Valencia, Spain

Education: B.A. in English; University of Valencia (Spain) & University of Sheffield (UK)

What do you teach: Spanish

Family: single/ a brother and a sister.

What is the hardest thing about teaching in a foreign country?
"You have to adapt to the system. Although syllabi and students are almost the same everywhere, there are always some differences regarding teaching techniques and specific aspects that are more stressed than others."



Name: Jennifer Dellucci

Occupation: Student

Hometown: Winnfield

Classification: sophomore

Major: elementary education

Future: To become a successful teacher and get married

What is the one thing you like most about NSU?
"The different selection of people."



The Current Sauce-Second Annual

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Yes, no, no answer:

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Tell us about yourself:

Body type: _____ Most important quality: _____

Hobbies: _____

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Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, etc.): _____

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What would your ideal date in Natchitoches be? _____

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...and the kind of person you want to date.

Age Range _____ Gender _____ Race _____ Religion _____

Yes, no, or no answer:

Smoke? _____ Drink? _____Kids? _____Like to party? _____Stay at home? _____

Tell us about what you look for in a date:

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Hobbies: _____

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Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, etc.): _____

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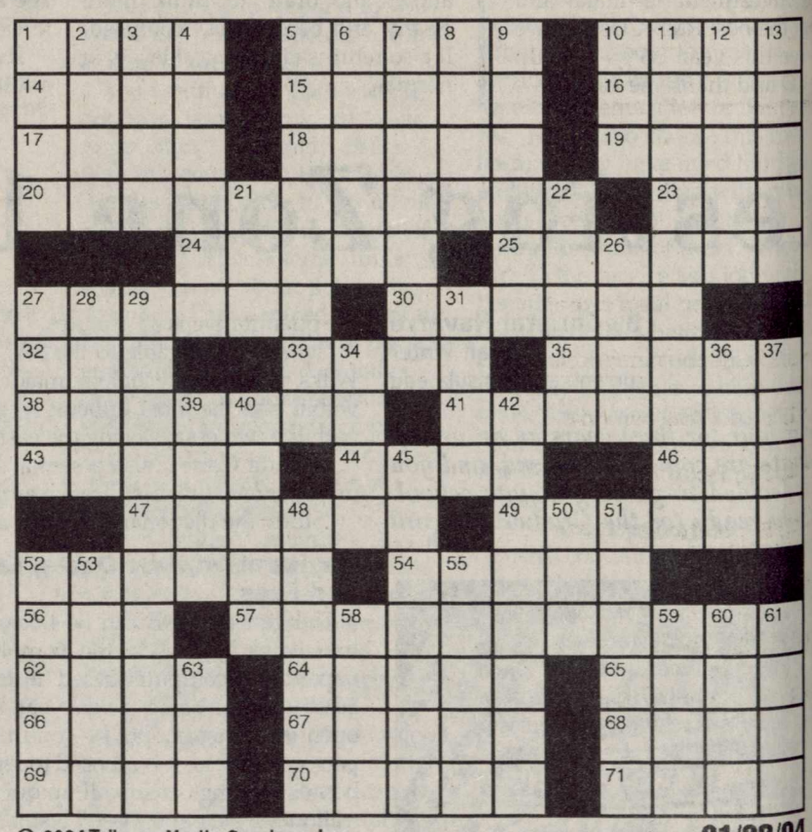
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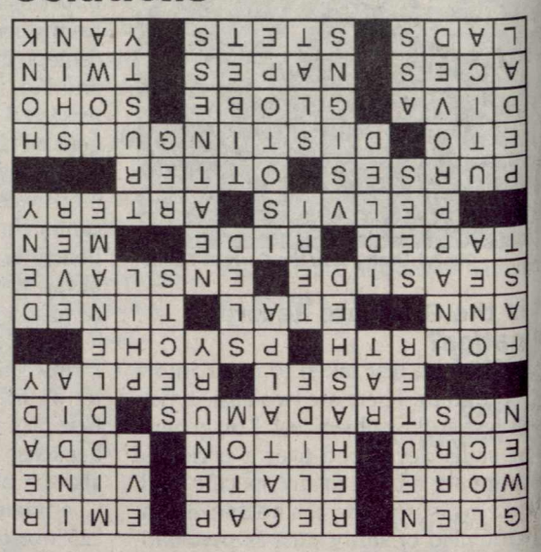
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Solutions



Baseball & softball place athletes on first team, predicted to finish 2nd & 3rd

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

NSU Baseball

Northwestern State outfielder Josh Boop and second baseman Brandon Morgan have been named to the Southland Conference pre-season all-conference baseball first team while outfielder Michael Palermo was selected on the second team.

The Demons have been picked for a third place finish in pre-season polls conducted by league coaches and sports information directors.

Boop, a first team selection on last year's all-SLC team, returns for his senior season after leading the Demons with a .374 batting average.

Boop also knocked four homeruns had 45 RBIs while stealing 28 bases, second best in the league and one behind teammate Tigger Lyles.

Morgan, a sophomore from Arlington, Texas, hit .295 last season while hitting a team high six triples and 31 RBIs. Morgan was a perfect 8-for-8 in stolen bases while accumulating a .950 fielding percentage.

Palermo, a sophomore from Baton Rouge, hit .315 as a freshman with 38 RBIs and eight doubles. He finished second on the team with 39 runs scored and had a team-high .437 on-base percentage.

The Demons were picked for a third place finish in both the coaches' and sports information director's poll.

Defending regular season champion Lamar was picked to finish first in both polls followed by Texas-Arlington. Northwestern State claimed one first place vote in the SID poll.

The Demons return eight starters (6 position and 2 pitchers) from last year's squad that finished 35-22 overall and a fourth place 16-11 in the Southland Conference.

NSU Softball

With the entire starting outfield on the first-team Preseason All-Southland Conference Softball Team, Northwestern State is picked for a second place finish in the league race according to one poll released this week.

The Demons, 27-33 last year but 25-15 in their last 40 games, were picked second behind Texas State in a poll of SLC softball sports information directors. L

eague coaches tabbed Northwestern for a sixth-place finish behind Texas State, McNeese, Sam Houston, Texas-Arlington and Nicholls State in the 10-team conference.

Demon outfielders Nicole Martin, Lindsey Danzy and Sarina Noack all made the 2004 preseason all-conference first team.

The Demons have 11 returning letterwinners back from last season, when NSU finished fourth in the SLC.

That figure doesn't include the comebacks of third baseman Lindsay Leftwich, an All-SLC player in 2002, and second baseman Tracye Thompson, both redshirted due to injuries last year.

NSU has played in three of the past five NCAA Tournaments (1998, 2000, 2002).

"We're excited about the season and happy that Nicole, Lindsey and Sarina were recognized," said second-year Demons coach Eileen Schmidt. "There's no doubt Texas State is the team to beat in the conference and there's a group of five or six teams hoping to be the one that upsets the apple cart. We believe we can be that team."

Martin is a two-time first-team All-SLC pick. She made it last year at second base after earning SLC Freshman of the Year honors as an outfielder two years ago.

A junior, Martin hit .292 with 2 home runs, 21 RBI and 29 steals in 30 tries last season.

Danzy, a senior, batted .372 with 10 doubles, a home run and 14 steals a year ago.

Noack, a strong contender for SLC Freshman of the Year honors last year, led Northwestern with a .379 average and had 18 steals.

The Demons open their season Feb. 6 in tournament play at Baylor. Their first homefield appearance comes Feb. 25 against Grambling.

NSU football & track

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern State should be one of the hottest teams in Division I-AA during the 2004 football season, according to nationally-recognized I-AA expert Tony Moss of The Sports Network.

In his most recent "3rd and Long" column on www.sportsnetwork.com, Moss tabs Northwestern as his "Best Bet to Rise in '04" and says "the Demons are a sleeping giant that will be ready to wake in their third season under head coach Scott Stoker .... don't be surprised to see multiple playoff games in Natchitoches, La., next season."

Moss, the director of I-AA football coverage for The Sports Network, cites the Demons' 17 returning starters and 53 returning lettermen for the upcoming season.

"The Demons ranked ninth in the country in total defense (287.3 yards per game) and will lose virtually nothing from this year's team," he wrote.

Northwestern has made the I-AA playoffs in three of the past six seasons, including two of the last three. The Demons have been ranked in the I-AA Top 10 in three of the last four years.

"We're excited about the opportunity we have in 2004 and beyond," said Stoker. "It's a compliment to our players and coaches to get this kind of recognition from an analyst the caliber of Tony Moss, but it's also a huge challenge to live up to that billing. What our players do in off-season conditioning, spring practice, summer workouts and preseason camp will be pivotal in determining our destiny."

The Demons will begin spring practice in March.

NSU Track

Northwestern State All-American Stephanie Sowell was voted the first Southland Conference Female "Athlete of the Week" for indoor track and field this season on Wednesday after her outstanding season debut last Saturday at the Houston Indoor Opener.

Sowell, a senior from Natchitoches, won at the Houston Opener in her specialty, the triple jump, with a 42-10 1/2 leap that was an NCAA provisional qualifying performance.

It was the third-best mark by a woman in SLC Indoor history, and less than three inches shy of passing her personal best and school-record performance set last year.

Sowell was among three current NSU competitors, along with assistant coach Lamark Carter, who participated in the opening meet. The rest of the team makes its debut this Saturday at LSU.

Carter won the men's triple jump, competing unattached, at Houston. The 2000 USA Olympian, who did not compete last season due to an injury, leaped 55-6.

Demons took places 3-4. Cedric Scott went 48-4 1/2 and David Williams leaped 46-8 1/4 for NSU. The only better collegian was Lawrence Willis of Louisiana-Lafayette, who jumped 52-6.

Demon Games coming up

Northwestern State's Demon Basketball Schedule

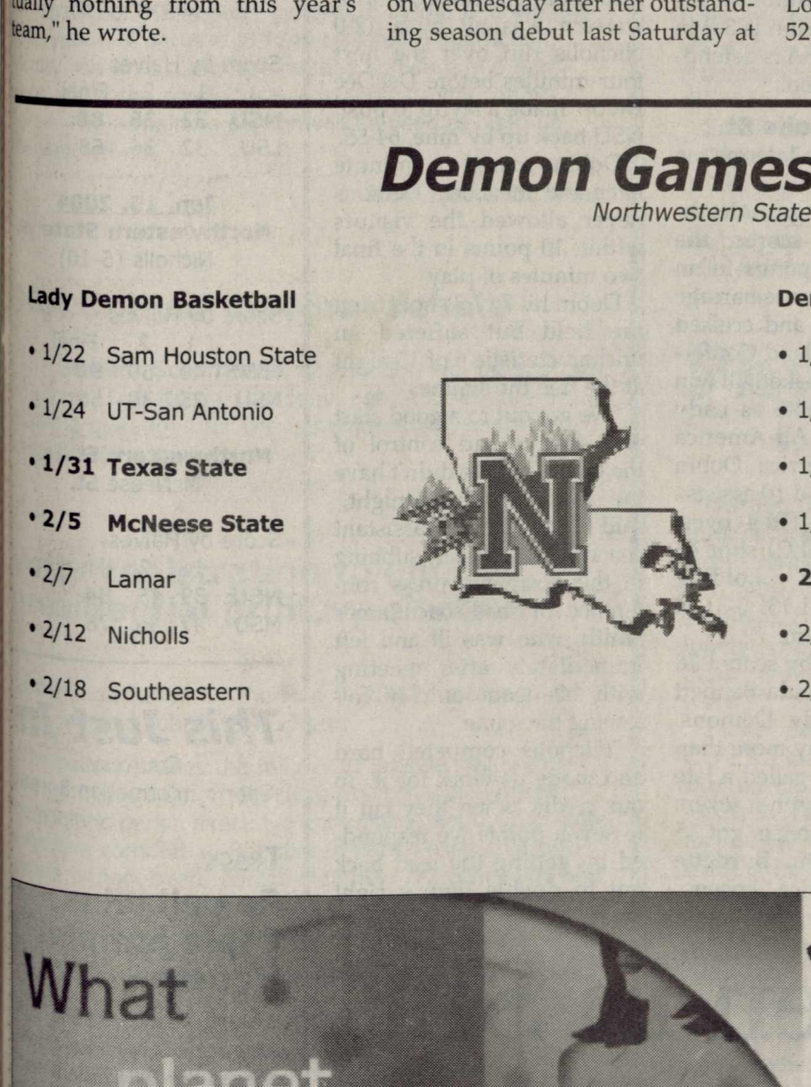
Lady Demon Basketball

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- 1/24 UT-San Antonio
- **1/31 Texas State**
- **2/5 McNeese State**
- 2/7 Lamar
- 2/12 Nicholls
- 2/18 Southeastern

Demon Basketball

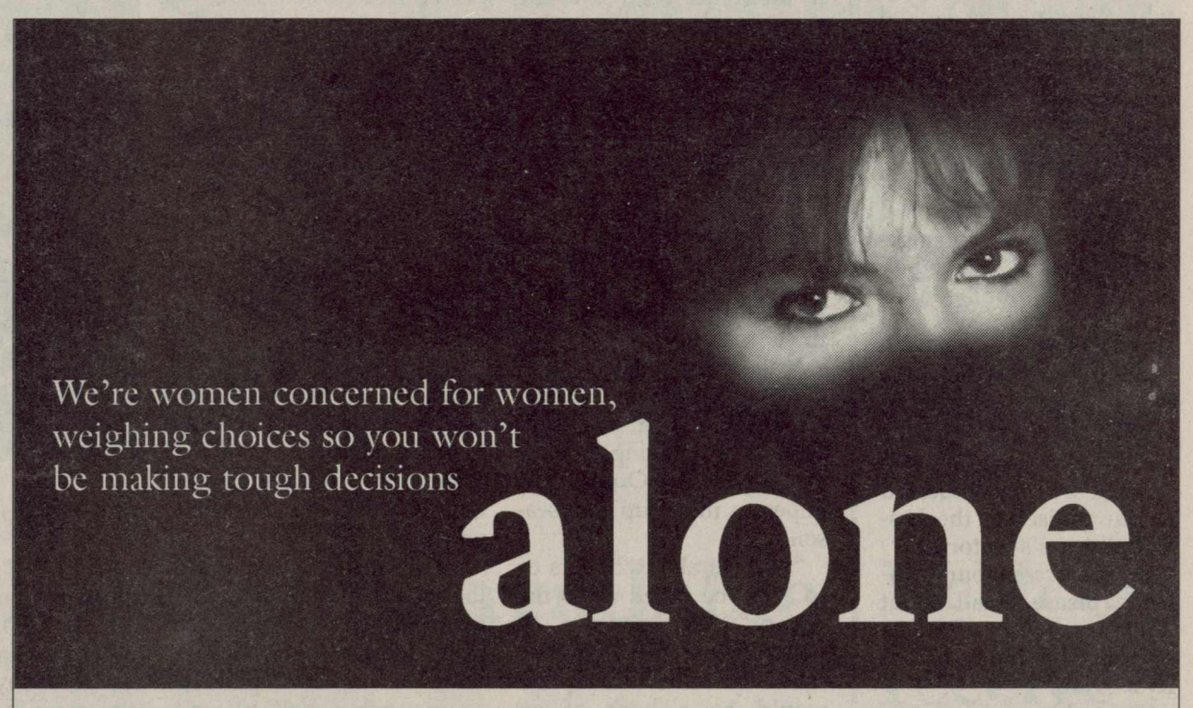
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Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Friendly Challenge

currentsauce@nsula.edu

It has come to our attention that members of the Demon basketball team are unhappy with our predictions for this season.

As we stand by our opinions, we understand why they may be looked down upon and would like to say that we meant no harm by our words.

To answer these responses, we have decided to offer the members of the Demon basketball team a friendly challenge. If the Demon basketball team exceeds our conference predictions by going 10-6, Patrick West and I, Joshua Barrios, will allow the team to dye our hair NSU purple and white. Also, the following week's column will be dedicated to our praises of the basketball team's victories.

If you accept our challenge please email us at currentsauce@nsula.edu or come by room 207 of Kyser Hall.

Sincerely,

Joshua Barrios
Patrick West

All right now it's time for the actual column and this week I'm talking about intelligent athletes.

Last year I wrote an article about athletes not being dumb jocks. I discovered that many of them had higher grade point averages than most other students on campus and this year they have proven themselves again.

Last week it was announced that 135 student athletes made the fall honor roll.

Good for you!

Seriously guys, congratulations. I love that you all have outdone the regular students of this university. Sixteen had 4.0 grade point averages and the rest followed closely behind.

Most students including myself have classes and then go home and sleep while athletes have classes, practices and games before they begin to study.

If athletes can pull 3.0 and 4.0 GPAs with all they do, there is no excuse for students like me who have lower grades.

I feel that NSU's athletes have done what all other athletes do: inspire.

At least they have inspired me. If they can make better grades while having more stress than I then I should totally be able to do well.

For those of you who think that this is far less than inspiration, you either have good grades or you are fooling yourself.

If you are just going to classes and sleeping and barely getting by with your grades then you need to get up and do something more.

This should be a challenge to all NSU students. Not a challenge like our challenge to the basketball team, but a serious challenge.

Students, try to learn a lesson from our athletes. Go to class and do your daily work.

It couldn't hurt, and maybe you'll get your student loans back.

Realizing a dream

By Patrick West
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Most baseball players have a dream to play in the big leagues with a national audience watching at home or thousands of fans cheering in a big league ballpark.

Former Northwestern State baseball pitcher Carl Makowsky is working hard in the minor leagues trying to realize his dream: playing for a major league team.

Makowsky is currently in the Baltimore Orioles minor league farm system working his way up to the Orioles.

He plays for the Frederick Keys, the Orioles A club. Last season, Makowsky went 2-2 on the season and finished with a 4.02 ERA and three saves.

Makowsky is currently in his second year in the Orioles farm system and said there is an opening in Double A with the Orioles and hopes to move up this season.

"I say in about 2 years or so I will be called up to the majors," Makowsky said. "It would be unbelievable to be called up to the Orioles, that would be a heck of an accomplishment."

Makowsky said it is a little different in the minor leagues, but he is getting accustomed to the lifestyle and being away from home for 6-7 months in a season.

"Things are alright in the minor leagues. I like being on the road and seeing different places but you always stay in a hotel and that gets tiring," Makowsky said. "Overall I love it."

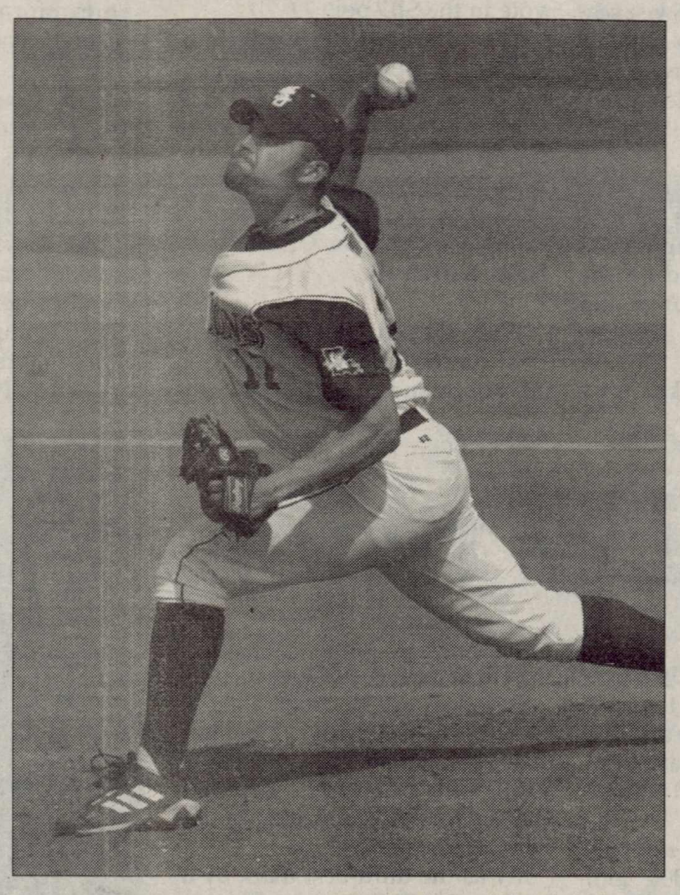
Makowsky said overall he has gotten better since he left NSU. He has become physically stronger and mentally stronger, which is the hardest thing to do in baseball.

"The mental aspect of the game is so important because you have to learn how to educate yourself about the different hitters," Makowsky said.

When asked about the steroid scandals, Makowsky said there are different opinions on the subject but his opinion is if it's your body then you should do what you want with it.

He also said if you abuse the enhancements or steroids then you don't have the right to sue MLB, it's your fault.

"It is not fair playing against other ball players that take steroids but I am not going to cry about it," Makowsky said. "The injury risk goes way up when you take steroids but if that is your last measure as a player then do what you got to do."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Carl Makowsky, now playing with the Frederick Keys, said the minor leagues are not that different from his playing days at NSU.

Makowsky said that if you have a good work ethic, you cannot make it and you have to take enhancements to help yourself, then just shut it down and do not take the risk.

Makowsky also said he is happy the Orioles are spending money and trying to win again. The Orioles signed 2002 Most Valuable Player Miguel Tejada, catcher Javy Lopez, pitcher Syndney Ponson, first basemen Rafael Palmeiro and B. J. Surhoff in the off season.

Makowsky said all the spending the Orioles did over the off season shows that Baltimore wants to compete against the Yankees and Red Sox.

"Also, the Orioles have a great young pitching staff developing in the minors and in about two years the pitching staff will be able to compete against the other opponents in the tough AL East Division," Makowsky said.

Carl Makowsky earned all Southland Conference teams honors while at Northwestern State and led the Demons in ERA with a 3.35 average after the 2001 season.

Makowsky has also pitched for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots, champions of the Alaska Baseball League.

Lady Demons crush Lamar

By Patrick West
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NSU vs. Lamar (1-17)

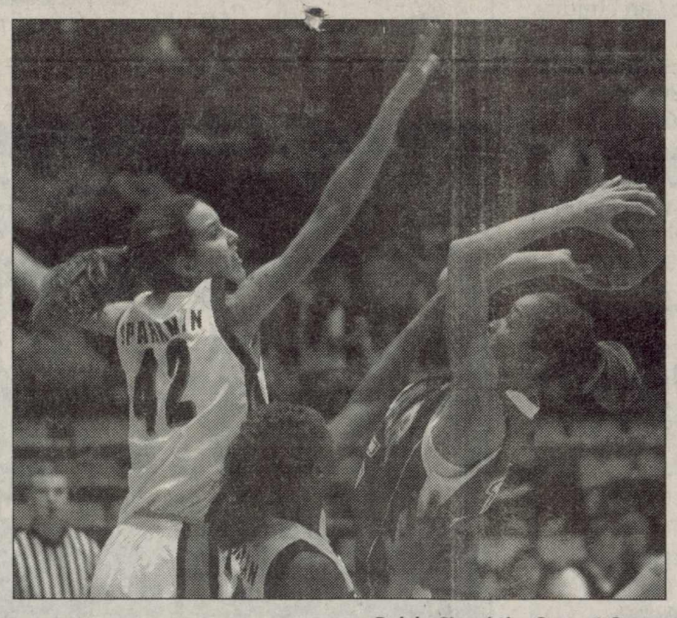
The Northwestern State Lady Demons stayed perfect in conference action crushing Lamar 83-49 Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

With the win, NSU improves to 11-4 overall and 4-0 in Southland Conference play. The win also gave Lady Demon Head Coach James Smith his 200th career SLC win, made him the all-time coaching victories leader in conference history with 327 and also tops in conference-only wins (Courtesy Sports Information).

NSU started the game off slow, which is unusual for the Lady Demons who like to start games on fire.

The Lady Demons shrugged off the slow start to go on a run near halftime and started the second half with a 13-2 burst that sealed the game for NSU. Smith said NSU executed and shot the ball better in the second half and was able to hit more open shots.

"The girls smelled blood in the second half and went on a spurt and hit shots to put the game away for us," Smith said.



Delvin Sims/ the Current Sauce
Junior center Ashley Sparkman blocks a shot Saturday against Lamar. Sparkman finished the night with six block shots.

Leading scorers for the Lady Demons were SLC leading scorer Diamond Cosby with 18 points followed by the second leading scorer in SLC Amanda Bennett with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior center Ashley Sparkman came close to breaking the single-game blocked shots record. Sparkman came up two block shots shy of the record, finishing the night with six block shots.

NSU played aggressive defense in the second half, limiting the Lady Cardinals to a low 27 percent shooting and 29 percent for the game. The Lady Demons also outrebounded Lamar 55-34 as Lady Demon Chassidy Jones had game high 12 rebounds.

Leading scorers for the Lady Cardinals were Demela Lowe with 14 points and Megan McDougald with 11 points.

Up next for the Lady Demons is a tough road test against Sam Houston State and Texas-San Antonio this week. Sam Houston is 3-0 in the SLC and UTSA is defending SLC champion.

NSU vs. Nicholls St.
Courtesy Sports Information

League-leading Northwestern State scored the game's first 13 points in an opening five-minute barrage Thursday night and cruised to a 75-60 Southland Conference women's basketball win over Nicholls State as Lady Demon senior All-America candidate La'Terrica Dobin had 20 points and 10 assists.

Northwestern (10-4 overall, 3-0 in the SLC) shot 46 percent while holding Nicholls State (1-13, 0-3) to just 24 percent aim.

Diamond Cosby scored 18 points and Amanda Bennett 15 for the Lady Demons, who never led by more than 19 points and repelled a late Nicholls run to within seven.

The Lady Colonels got 15 points by Cristin Burdette and 14 from Jessica Gipson.

Northwestern had two long scoreless stretches, one in each half. The Lady Demons didn't score for nearly five minutes after racing to a 22-5 lead.

Up 62-43 with 9:19 to go on a Beth Tallant jumper, Northwestern was hit by a 12-0 Nicholls run over the next four minutes before DeeDee Favors made a layup to push NSU back up by nine, 64-55.

Dobin scored a minute later and the Lady Demons never allowed the visitors within 10 points in the final two minutes of play.

Dobin hit 7 of 9 shots from the field but suffered an uncharacteristic 6 of 15 night at the free throw line.

"We got out to a good start and always had control of the game, but we didn't have the knockout punch tonight," said Lady Demon assistant coach Jennifer Graf, subbing in the postgame press conference for head coach James Smith, who was ill and left immediately after meeting with his team quickly following the game.

"Nicholls competed hard and made us work for it. To our credit, when they cut it to seven points we responded by getting the lead back out to double figures right away."

Demons remain unbeaten in SLC

By Joshua Barrios
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NSU vs. Lamar (1/17)

The NSU Demon basketball team scored big Saturday as they secured a win against Lamar State and the No. 1 ranking in the Southland Conference.

The Demons took their overall record to 6-8 and their conference record to a perfect 4-0 after they defeated the Lamar Cardinals 88-68.

Sophomore guard Jermaine Wallace had a career night as he scored 18 points and snagged 15 rebounds. Clifton Lee followed closely behind with 14 rebounds, making Head Coach Mike McConathy a very happy man.

"Any time you get 15 and 14 out of two of your guys you cant help but be happy," McConathy said.

McConathy said the team's newest mindsets might be helping its win streak.

"The kids are playing harder with a no whining or complaining mentality," McConathy said. "If you make a mistake, just play through it and make it better. You have to start everything you finish."

The Demons started the game off on a shaky defensive foot as they allowed the Cardinals to shoot a 74 free-throw percentage on 19 trips to the line.

"We weren't as structured as we needed to be early on, but in the second half we got back in step," McConathy said.

In the second half the Cardinals shot a mere nine percent at the free-throw line and 36 points.

McConathy said he feels the Demons found a good rhythm in their shooting rather than forcing each shot and if they keep it up it could help continue the Demons streak.

Although he is happy with the win, McConathy said he is ready to move on to the next challenge.

"You can feel good about a win, but you need to be ready to go to work hard the next day," McConathy said.

The Demons have three challenges to gear up for this week. Tonight they hit the road to play Sam Houston State followed by Saturday's road game against Texas-San Antonio.

Wednesday the Demons come back home to Huston-Tillotson College at Prather Coliseum at 6:30 p.m. Wins against conference foes Sam Houston and Texas-San Antonio could help keep the Demons on top of the Southland Conference.

NSU vs. Nicholls

Clifton Lee had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Jermaine Wallace also scored 15 as Northwestern State got scoring from 13 players and ripped visiting Nicholls State 90-55.

It was the biggest win for the Demons since a 97-37 blowout of Belhaven on Dec. 17, 1998, and gave McConathy his largest conference win in his five seasons at Northwestern.



Delvin Sims/ the Current Sauce
Tramaine Hancock shoots and scores two of his 12 points.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSU Womens Basketball (11-4)

Jan. 17, 2004
Northwestern State vs Lamar (3-10)

NSU 83 - LSU 49

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	35	48	**83**
LSU	24	25	49

Jan. 15, 2004
Northwestern State vs Nicholls State (1-14)

NSU 75 - NSU 60

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NWST	43	32	**75**
NSU	28	32	60

Northwestern State vs McNeese St. (4-11)

NSU 65 - MSU 51

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	34	31	**65**
MSU	27	24	51

Key Player:
Ashley Sparkman
6 block shots vs. Lamar
Junior center

NSU Basketball (6-8)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Jermaine Wallace
18 points & 15 rebounds vs. Lamar
Sophomore guard

Jan. 17, 2004
Northwestern State vs Lamar (7-8)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	32	36	**88**
LSU	32	36	68

Jan. 15, 2004
Northwestern State vs Nicholls (5-10)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NWST	40	50	**90**
NSU	25	30	55

Northwestern State vs McNeese St.

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	39	45	**84**
MSU	42	36	78

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

TRACK

Sowell wins triple jump at Houston

Northwestern State A... American Stephanie Sow... opened the 2004 indoor tr... and field season impressive... Saturday with a winning ... 10 1/2 leap in the wome... triple jump at the Univers... of Houston Indoor Opener.

Only three current NS... competitors, along wi... assistant coach Lam... Carter, participated in t... opening meet. The rest ... the team makes its deb... next week at LSU.

Carter won the men's triple jump, competing unattached. The 2000 U.S. Olympian, who did not compete last season due to an injury, leaped 55-6.

Demons took places 3... Cedric Scott went 48-4 1... and David William... leaped 46-8 1/4 for NS... The only better collegia... was Lawrence Willis ... Louisiana-Lafayette, wh... jumped 52-6.

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What's Current?

Natchitoches Parish Library to host traveling exhibit on the Louisiana Purchase

A traveling art exhibit, The Louisiana Purchase will be on display at the Natchitoches Parish Library.The exhibit includes works depicting events including and surrounding the Louisiana Purchase.

The display will be at the library Feb. 5- Mar. 5, 2004.

Two new endowed scholarships set up

Ellis Coutee and his wife, Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee are strong believers in giving back to their alma mater, Northwestern State University.

The Coutees of Baton Rouge have established two endowed scholarships and have continued their generosity with a gift to the NSU Foundation to set up the Ellis Coutee and Melva Juanita Martinez Coutee Endowed Professorship in Mathematics. The professorship will be set up over three years with gifts from the Coutees and matching gifts from the ExxonMobil Foundation. The $60,000 gift will be matched with $40,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund to create a $100,000 endowed professorship. This endowed professorship will be the 23rd at NSU and the first in mathematics.

"We hope this action will whet the appetite of other alumni and cause them to take a second look at their capability of giving," said Ellis Coutee. "We hope the students and faculty in mathematics can benefit from this professorship. Northwestern gave each of us what we needed when we needed it. Northwestern was the springboard to success."

A portion of the interest generated by the endowment each year will be used to fund classroom instruction, faculty research, purchase needed software and hardware and cover needed travel to professional conferences. The remaining portion will be used to build up the endowment.

NSU News Bureau

SGA to hold mayoral debate

The Student Government Association will be hosting a Mayoral Debate on Thursday, Feb. 19. Email any possible questions for the candidates to: mayordebate2004@hotmail.com

Voter registration to end for presidential primary election

Voter registration for the Mar. 9, 2004 presidential primary will end Feb. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

The ballot includes the following: presidential preference primary, Democratic state executive committee, Democratic parish executive committee, Republican state executive committee, Republican parish executive committee, school board parish wide new 1/2 cent sales and use tax and municipal primaries for the city of Natchitoches, Clarence and Powhatan.

For further information contact the registrar of voters office at 357-2211

Free Redbud trees

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during Feb.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America capaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped pospaid at the right time for planting between Mar. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29,2004.

Warrior urges thinking, not feeling

By Kyle Carter
Sauce reporter

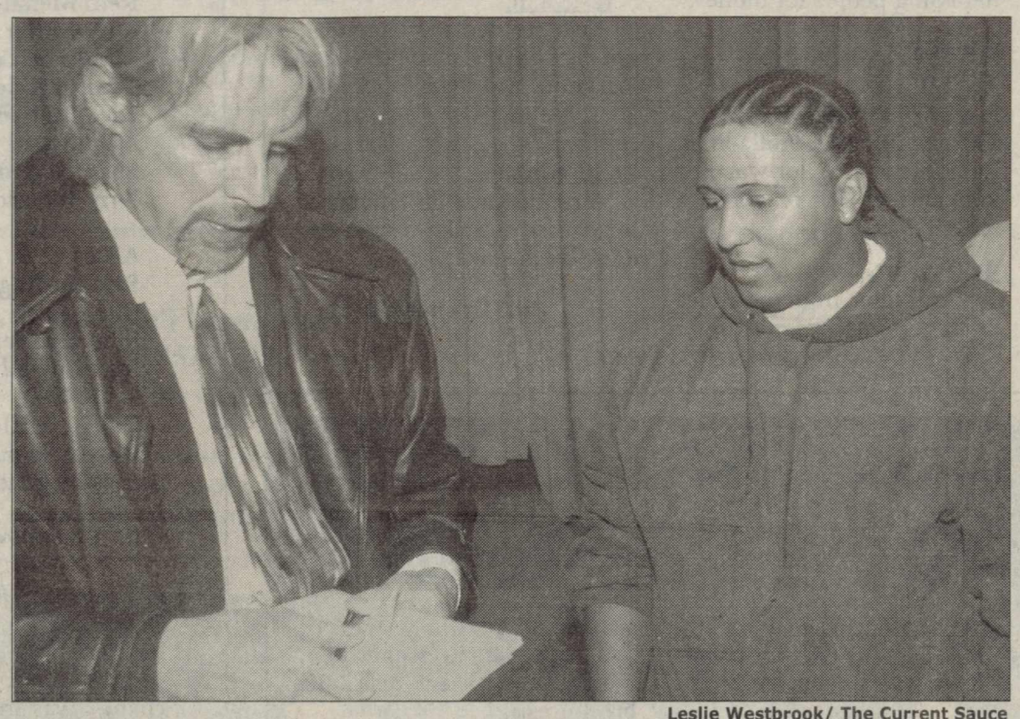
Yesterday evening the Ultimate Warrior, professional wrestler turned conservative speaker, visited Northwestern's campus to express his conservative philosophies and to motivate students to have more control over their lives.

The Warrior began his speech by explaining the events in his life that led him to form his conservative views. The Warrior spoke of how he and his siblings were abandoned by his father when he was age 12. He informed listeners of how he befriended a universal weight machine that motivated him and gave him the determination to make something out of himself. He spoke of his choice to become a chiropractor, how he became a professional wrestler to pay off his school debts, and then opened his own health club, where he discovered that most people were unhappy about life.

"I thought everybody had the same motivation to get up in the morning and kick the world in the ass," the Warrior stated in his speech.

In the Warrior's speech, he tried to motivate young people to form their own life philosophies and to follow through with them to make something of their lives. He believed that all beings are in control of their density. He felt that people are not at the mercy of anyone else or trapped by anything but their set limitations. In turn, this led to his ideas that nobody needs a helping

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Leslie Westbrook/ The Current Sauce

Freshman engineering major Demetrius Payne, right, waits for an autograph from Warrior.

Variety of scholarships available

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

NSU students have two offices at which they can apply for scholarships: the NSU Foundation at the Alumni Center and the Scholarship Office in the Financial Aid department.

Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick said private donors fund the scholarships offered by the Foundation.

"They're people sending in contributions, donations, setting up endowed scholarships... we have about 350 scholarships, and they are all different," Gustwick said.

Endowed scholarships are established when a donor makes a gift, usually $10,000 or more, to the University for the purpose of funding a specific scholarship. The donor also chooses the conditions that a student must meet in order to receive the scholarship. Therefore, some of these awards are given infrequently. Semesters sometimes pass when no student meets the criteria to receive a certain scholarship, in which case the funds for that award continue to accumulate.

"From Fall semester, we gave out 214 scholarships for $90,650 through this office," said Gustwick.

The funds given by donors do not directly fund the endowed scholarships. Instead, that money is invested, and "we use the interest off that gift to give the scholarships. We never invade the principle. But if they give $10,000, in a year's time it may earn $500 interest, and then we take that $500 and give it to scholarships," said Gustwick. "So we would never go into the $10,000. That's what's called endowed, and it's here forever. As long as the University is in business, that scholarship will be there."

Gustwick expressed a desire to make more students aware of what scholarships his department offers.

"A lot of times the financial aid or scholarship office of the University will tell people, 'Check with the alumni center and the foundation. They may have some scholarships available for you.' But that's something we need to work on, to make students more aware that we have scholarships here," Gustwick said.

Students interested in these awards must apply through the foundation directly.

In contrast, the Scholarship office deals mostly with institutional scholarships, or awards funded entirely by NSU.

Director of Financial Aid Misty Adams said, "We offer... valedictorian and saludictorian for incoming freshmen, we have NSU awards such as work study which offers a job to those scholarship recipients so they don't actually get money applied toward their fees, they get a paycheck based on their number of hours... that they're allowed to work. There's other NSU honors like presidential honors, presidential leadership, those kind of things. All totaled, there's probably roughly about 10 counting transfer scholarships that are funded through the institution."

Adams said, "For fall 2004, those are the students that are graduating this May from

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Webb to receive pay raise

By Kyle Carter
Sauce reporter

University President Randall Webb was awarded a $13,500 raise by the University of Louisiana System board of supervisors earlier this month.



Webb

Webb's pay raise was part of a statewide increase of the eight university presidents in the system salaries. According university system press release, the board of supervisors determined from this past year's accomplishments in improved departmental statuses, better financial management and continued increases in faculty salaries to allow for the president's raise.

The real force behind the decision to increase the president's salary was the continued increases in faculty salaries.

Director of Communications for the University of Louisiana Systems said before the administration of a university can be given a salary increase, the salaries of faculty members must be at or near the average pay of those at peer universities. Webb and the other universities in the system have worked toward making faculty salaries comparable to those of their peers. In the past five years, Northwestern has increased faculty salaries by 24 percent, placing the University's faculty at only eight percent below the average for salaries in

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Physical plant busy with renovations

By Callie Reames
Sauce reporter

During the winter break students went home to enjoy weeks without homework, but NSU physical plant employees worked in the lonely corridors of Kyser Hall, doing maintenance work.

Plant Services Director Chris Sampite said, "A project to make repairs and improvements to Kyser Hall is winding down with the replacement of hallway lighting and repainting of all halls, stairwells and several classrooms."

Broken clocks were removed, building directories were mounted on the walls, and wheelchair-accessible water fountains were installed.

Sampite said, "We saw the completion of a brick plaza at Russell Hall... It was a project funded through some business alumni 'and friends.'"

The work did not stop with the start of the spring semester. Physical plant employees are in the process of making more bathroom stalls wheelchair-accessible in Kyser Hall. Renovations loom elsewhere on campus.



Crystal Navarre/ The Current Sauce

Caspari Hall's front lawn is home to tarp-covered equipment that will be used in later renovations.

Sampite said the old fine arts building will be getting some repairs and maintenance. Carpet replacement, improved lighting and new paint are a few of the projects planned.

"We contracted to construct a 95-space parking lot which will be located south Sabine Hall to assist with parking shortages in that area," Sampite said. He said parking tag fees fund the lot construction.

A $70,000 sewage pipe replacement project is also being planned this semester.

Two projects that could affect students in the next few years are the renovation of Williamson and Caspari Halls.

"We are seeking capital outlay project funds in this legislative session," Sampite said. The State sets aside money to for such projects.

Caspari Hall may become a student services center. Inside might be facilities for services like the registrar's office, recruitment and financial aid.

Sampite said the recreational complex is at about 35 percent completion.

During the winter break, barricades were placed at all but one campus entrance.

"The University is concerned about safety of students, facilities and equipment on campus. A test was done during the holidays to limit traffic to Sam Sibley Drive," Sampite said.

Sampite said the University is considering that the barricades be erected during holidays and some weekends so the campus police could better monitor traffic. The Physical Plant might also design attractive permanent security entrances.

Local Weather Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Few showers	Few showers	Sunny
60°/47°	62°/40°	65°/47°	62°/48°	61°/36°	61°/36°

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NSU Police Blotter

Police Blotter

1-21-04

1:01 a.m.

Campus Police and Natchitoches Police made a DWI arrest on Demon Drive. The subject was transported from the Detention Center to the Natchitoches Parish hospital because he was immobile.

4:24 p.m.

_Campus Police received a call regarding a subject near Watson Library reportedly harassing people for money.

1-22-04

11:50 a.m.

_The right rear window of a 1997 red Toyota Corolla in the Rapides parking lot was broken and a CD player was stolen.

4:39 p.m.

_A call came from the athletic field house requesting a report be made regarding vandalism.

1-23-04

5:33 p.m.

A resident from the Columns called regarding a possible selling of drugs around Apt. 1012.

1-24-04

8:45 a.m.

_A truck was broken into at the Columns.

1-26-04

12:45 a.m.

Two residents of Rapides got locked in room 316S. A locksmith had to be called.

1-27-04

2:10 a.m.

_A report came in reference to goats and donkeys running loose by the lake.

By Elizabeth Bolt

Campus Connections

The SGA is currently looking for someone to serve as its administrative assistant.

The job requires 7.5 hours per week and pays minimum wage.

Anyone interested contact Greg Comeaux in the SGA Office (room 222, Student Union).

NSU's Student Health Services is sponsoring an awareness table in the lobby of the Student Union on Thursday, January 29, 2004 from 11am until 2pm. Volunteers from Women's Advocacy will be available to answer questions, discuss services, and distribute brochures.

Pool Tournament

There will be a pool Tournament Feb. 8 at Ole Fort Pub at the Ramada Inn.

NSU vs. UTA

10 a.m. until game starts
Car bash
Located in front of Student Union

SGA Minutes

I. Minutes January 26, 2004

Call to Order @ 7:01
Prayer led by Dustin Floyd
Pledge By Patrick Feller

Present:
Matt Bartley
Jeff Bergeron
Matt Burroughs
Craig Desoto
Patrick Feller
Dustin Floyd
J. Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Kelli Menard
Kelli Miller
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Alan Sypert
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Absent:
Sara Burling
Chris Faist
John Eric Fontenot
Josh Howell

Kelli Miller moves to approve the minutes. Motion passes by general consent.

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer – Beau Boudreaux – glad to be back. I have handed out the new budget please observe the main change was in student scholarships. Please pass money for organizational grants in new business.

Vice-President – Scott Manguno – yield the floor to Greg

President – Greg Comeaux – Yearbook picture at 3:30 on Wednesday. I have a meeting at 4:00 on Wednesday with Dr. Webb so please be on time. Greg handed back paraphernalia from his and Scott's New Hampshire trip.

Vice-President – Scott Manguno – Welcome back everyone. Thank you for funding our trip to New Hampshire we brought a lot back with us.

III. Department Reports

Academic – Mindy McConnell – Meetings will be Monday at 3:00. We are looking to add two new classes to the curriculum this year. Dustin Floyd was asked to speak about the Ultimate Warrior (Wednesday at 7:00 in the ballroom).

External – no Commissioner (Patrick Feller gives report) – Radio show will be from Friday from 2-4. Web page will hopefully be done shortly.

Fiscal – Beau Boudreaux – Meetings will be Monday's at 6:00.

Internal – Zach Pulliam – Zach made changes to the agenda. Internal will meet either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Student – J. Keith Gates – Mayoral debate has been scheduled for 2/19 @ 6:30 pm in the TV Studio. We need to pass money for invitations tonight. We are planning to implement a student police officer program. My meetings will be at 12:00 on Mondays.

IV. Other Reports

Graduate Advisor – Dave Gunn – commends Keith and Greg on Mayoral Debate. Student Ticket writers could be a really big thing for you guys.

Advisor – Carl Henry – debate will be the [big] debate for Natchitoches. This is my last full semester at NSU and I am hoping we can resolve parking issues before my retirement on 8/1.

Supreme Court – Sharmyn Little - no Report

V. Old Business

Alan Sypert moves to approve bill FA03-034. Alan speaks on the bill saying it will change the requirements to the treasurer. Motion fails by a role call vote 10-5-0.

Alan moves to approve bill FA03-037. Alan explains that this bill will save money the SGA spends on scholarships (Meal Plans). Motion fails by a roll call vote 5-9-1.

Mindy rescinds Bill FA03-038.

Craig moves to approve bill FA03-039 on legislation requirements. Motion fails by roll call vote 4-11-0.

Kelli Miller moves to approve bill FA03-041. Motion passes by General consent.

VI. New Business

External Affairs nomination. Jack Halford nominates Patrick Feller. Mindy nominates Kelli Miller. Each speak and leave the room. Patrick wins by open ballot vote 11-4.

Nominations for SAB Rep. Kelli Miller nominates Keith. Shantel is nominated by Jeff. Each candidate speaks and leaves the room. Shantel wins by open ballot 12-2-1.

Nominations for COSGA. Mindy nominates Kelli Miller. Shantel nominates Kelli Menard. Kelli Menard wins by open ballot 9-5.

Presidential Appointments. Abby Brocato speaks on her behalf. Kelli Miller moves to approve appointment motion passes by General consent. Abby takes the oath of office.

Library Search Committee – Mindy McConnell is appointed after a nomination by Keith.

Keith moves to approve bill SP04-001. Motion passes by general consent.

Zach moves to approve bill SP04-002. Motion passes by general consent.

Mindy moves to approve $400 for the Organizational Grants committee. Roll call vote motion passes.

Election Dates – 2/26-3/11
Filings 3/24-3/25
Primary 3/31-4/1
Run-off

Shantel moves to approve election dates. Motion passes by a 10-1-2.

VII. Craig - has voter registration forms

Greg - everyone please look over the WRAC guidelines before next meeting.

Alan – vote for all star finalists. Three of us are on the ballot.

Zach – Abby see me after the meeting.

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If you win, we'll pay for you and a person of our choice to dine at Dominic's Restaurant and spend a romantic night on the town of Natchitoches (with the *Sauce* following along) on Saturday, February 7. Just fill out and return this application to **Kyser Hall Room 225** by Wednesday, February 4, and wait for us to call you a winner. Dating has never been easier!

Just tell us who you are...

First name and Last INITIAL only _____ Age ___
Gender _____ Race _____ Class/Major_____
Religion _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____
Marital Status _____
Yes, no, no answer:
Smoke? _____ Drink? _____Kids? _____Like to party? _____Stay at home? _____
Tell us about yourself:
Body type: _____ Most important quality: _____
Hobbies: _____
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Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, etc.): _____
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What would your ideal date in Natchitoches be? _____
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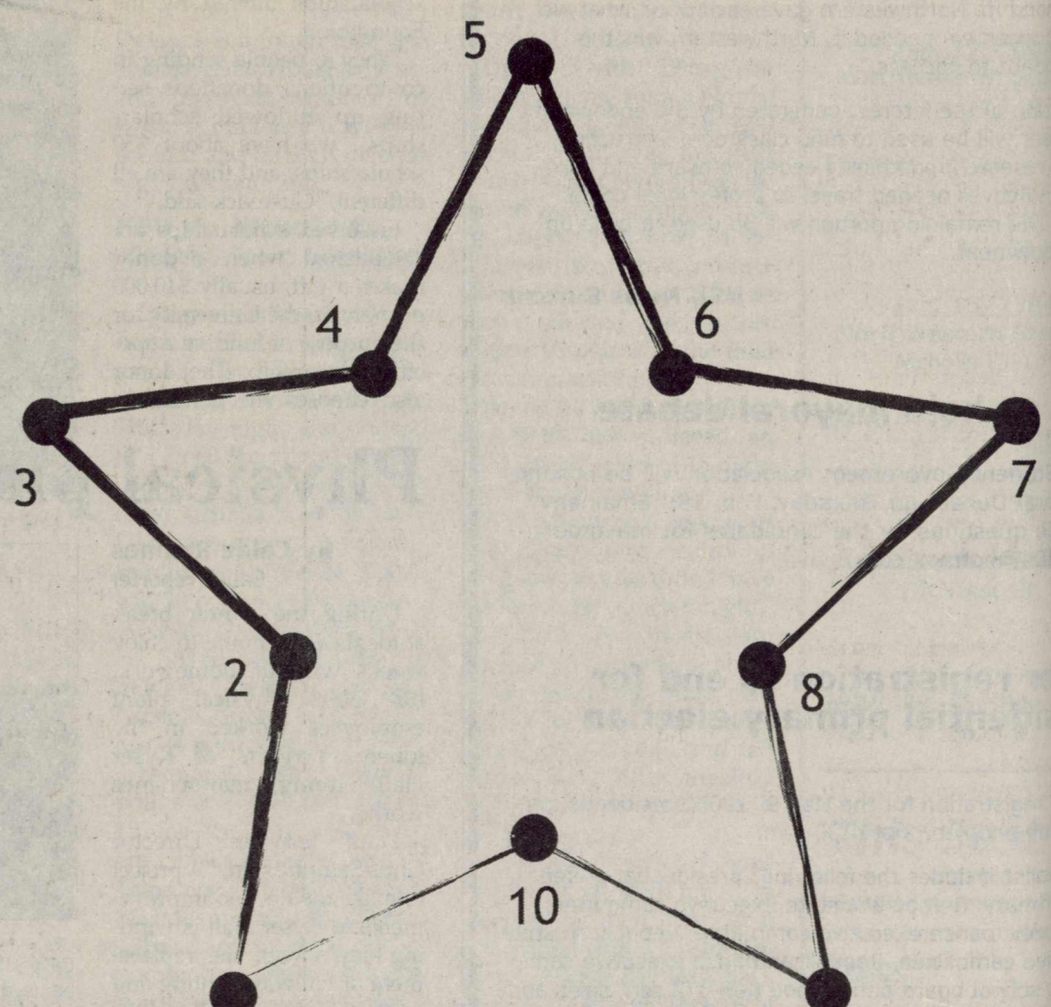
...and the kind of person you want to date.

Age Range _____ Gender _____ Race _____ Religion _____
Yes, no, or no answer:
Smoke? _____ Drink? _____Kids? _____Like to party? _____Stay at home? _____
Tell us about what you look for in a date:
Body type: _____ Most important quality: _____
Hobbies: _____
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Group affiliations (greek, clubs, sports, etc.): _____
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SGA holds first meeting

By Elaine Broussard
Managing editor

Monday the SGA disapproved a bill that, if passed, would have reduced the amount of scholarship money an SGA president receives each semester by excluding provisions for a meal plan.

Currently the SGA president receives a full-time scholarship that includes provisions for a 19A meal plan.

The bill proposed creating an "SGA Presidential Scholarship" to replace the president's current "full-time scholarship." The bill stated that the newly established scholarship would "provide a stipend equivalent to the cost of the infirmary fee, rental of a dormitory room, registration fee, and any other fees charged at registration excluding those of a meal plan."

The SGA president currently receives $738, which is equivalent to the cost of a 19A meal plan, regardless of whether all of that money is used to purchase a meal plan.

Senator Alan Sypert, who sponsored the bill, asked Comeaux what meal plan he purchased this semester.

Comeaux said that his meal plan cost $300 this semester.

"So that's 400 more dollars of his meal plan money that goes into his pocket," Sypert said.

Mindy McConnell said that the SGA president's scholarship should stay the same.

"I'm sure if someone tried to work out the amount of hours after office hours, and trips and meetings and whatnot, it would work out to a slightly over minimum wage paying job. I don't think it is unreasonable at all."

The bill failed with a 5-9 vote with one abstention.

Another bill that failed in the student senate on Wednesday proposed changing the requirements a student must meet in order to run for SGA treasurer.

Currently, a student must have completed two accounting classes with a grade of "C" or better in order to run for SGA treasurer. The bill proposed removing this requirement and adding a new requirement stating that the candidate must have been a member of the SGA fiscal committee for one semester.

Sypert, who sponsored this bill as well, said that since computers now largely manage the SGA budgets, accounting skills are no longer needed to be treasurer.

Despite Sypert's argument the bill failed by a 10-5 vote.

The senate also disapproved a bill proposing to reduce the number of pieces of legislation that a senator must write each semester from the current requirement of two, to one.

"I think this bill was idiotic," SGA senator Jeff Bergeron said. "The more bills we write, the more good we are doing for the student body."

SGA Senator Craig Desoto, who sponsored the bill, said that he does his best work by going to committee meanings and endorsing bills written by the committees he participates in rather than writing himself.

"Just because I don't write two bills doesn't mean that I don't do anything for SGA. I go to all of my meetings when I don't have class or work, and I voice my opinions there," Desoto said.

The bill failed with a 4-11 vote.

The student senate passed a bill by general consent that stated that there are currently no bike racks located near Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Science building, and the University should place bike racks in these locations.

The SGA voted to allot $180 for the purchase of scantrons to be given away to the student body, $100 to manufacture official invitations for the SGA sponsored Mayoral Debate to be held on Feb. 19, 2004, and $400 to organizational grants.

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high schools, it's a little bit over a million dollars that we have to offer those students."

Adams also pointed out that there are many other types of scholarships available from hundreds of sources, including corporations such as Burger King and Alliance Compressors.

"We have probably in excess of over 1,000 different types of scholarships, but they're not all Northwestern scholarships. Northwestern scholarships are your basic scholarships that we offer to incoming freshmen or transfer students, and that's what we're responsible for," Adams said.

"Anything and everything that you can probably think of, there's probably a scholarship for it," Adams said.

The Scholarship Office also handles the University's TOPS awards.

"We disperse right about 4.5 to 5 million in TOPS every year," Adams said.

The application process for Institutional Scholarships is simpler and better publicized than that of the Foundation.

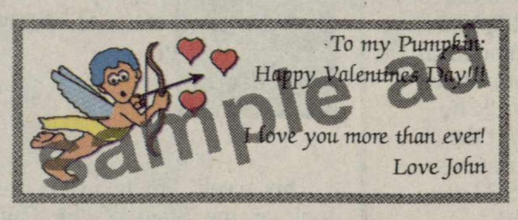
"Usually the recruiters in university recruiting, high school guidance counselors, those people are making... students aware that those scholarship applications are out there. There is a scholarship application that goes hand in hand with the admissions application," said Adams. "When we do senior nights, when we do high school nights, when the recruiters go out on the road, when people surf our web site... that information and those scholarship applications are all out there, and those are tools that we use to make students aware of the scholarship processes that we have."

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peer universities.

Along with improved university quality and comparable faculty salaries, the need to make administrative salaries in the university system more competitive also influenced the decision to raise presidential pay.

"The goal is to make sure we keep our presidential salaries competitive with those of the region" Heitman said, "We are trying to keep the best people around for the administrative positions."

Webb said his pay increase would be funded from the University's existing budget. This means that students will not receive an increase in tuition to fund the raise, but some departments and programs may lose some funds to compensate for the change in the president's salary.

Webb's salary has been increased from $145,450 to $158,950, but even after the pay raise he will still be paid 14 percent below the average pay for university heads.

"In a state with extremely limited education budgets, the total sum of the LSU head coach being twice that of the eight university presidents combined is unfair," said Ben Rushing, associate professor in math and president of the faculty senate.

Webb expressed gratitude that the presidents were recommended for salary increases.

"It is humbling because, for a significant portion of the University, the faculty and staff set the level and quality of work for the University," Webb said.

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hand; that through the development of one's own mind, anyone can do anything one desires to do.

"Life is tough. Nobody owes you anything," the Warrior said. "Be intelligent and use your head. There is always a way to get a buck."

He felt all human beings should have their own philosophy to enact. For those that did not have a defined philosophy, the Warrior described his own interpretation of conservatism. He first stated that conservatism does away with the denial of what is true and false. He cited a video in which parents beat their children, then claimed that it was not them on the video. He felt that denials of reality such as this were teaching young people to be "anti-mind." He felt that children are no longer being taught the things they need to better themselves in the world, and that, as a nation, no one teaches children morality.

"We are not educating people anymore," the Warrior said. "We are really teaching kids in the first 16 years of their lives to be anti-mind."

Secondly he defined conservatism as being a philosophy based on tradition.

He found that thought has been the greatest human traditional. He then promoted the development of the mind through reading the Great Books of the West and coming to understand the Declration of Independence. The Warrior saw the Great Books of the West as a means to help people shape and form their philosophies, and understood the U.S. Constitution to mean literally what it says as a tool to run this country.

The Warrior said, "There in our founding fathers' document is what America is supposed to be."

Finally he expressed a need to instruct young people to take their lives into their own hands. The Warrior told the audience that he was here to influence them in a different way than during his wrestling career. He was here as a positive role model for young people. He felt that everyone is a role model at all times, and that it is everyone's duty to play a positive role model.

"It was during the second Clinton Presidency where I saw the power of a role model," the Warrior said. "I saw where the president, the role model for America, was acting and conducting himself like a pervert."

The warrior was met with a mixed crowd of almost one hundred people. People attending included past fans of his wrestling career and those interested in hearing his views on his conservatist lifestyle. His conservative beliefs were met with mixed reviews.

Graduate student Blair Bagala said, "I thought it was cool. I didn't agree with everything he said, but I liked the way that he said that we control our own destinies."

"I agreed with a few of his points, but overall I disagree with his politics," Randall Stracener, sophomore psychology major, said.

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Editorial

All leaders are Warriors

By Patrick West
Sports Editor

The Warrior started off his speech with a special video that showed highlights of his wrestling career that included beating Hulk Hogan and slamming the late Andre the Giant.

After the video, the Warrior walked down the isle. As the Warrior walked to the podium, there was a flashback to his days as a wrestler. He looked like he was walking towards the square circle about to take care of business or wrestle some nasty opponent.

After all of his years, the Warrior has not lost his intimidating presence or the huge fan base that comes to his speeches because he once wrestled for the WWF. The Warrior also dismissed rumors of his return to wrestling at WrestleMania and said the video brought back good memories. Personally, I would have loved to see the Warrior wrestle one more time but after his speech tonight I know I will never see him step into a wrestling ring again.

As the Warrior stood behind the podium and delivered his speech, his voice still sounded like the Ultimate Warrior of old. His voice was so deep, the Warrior captured the audience's attention and never let go. Someone sitting there might have been scared to look away as his presence alone made you want to sit and listen to what he had to say.

I disagreed with some of the questions asked during the Q & A after his speech. The Warrior said he did not know politics that well but students still bombarded the Warrior with political questions. The Warrior answered some of the questions while he eluded others. Why didn't the students just ask him questions that dealt with his speech? I also liked how Warrior stayed around, signed autographs and took pictures with fans.

The Warrior said throughout his speech that grown-ups should think and act like grown-ups and even pointed out a student dressed like him from his wrestling days. I applaud the SGA for having two back-to-back Distinguished Lecturers in Ralph Nader and the Ultimate Warrior.

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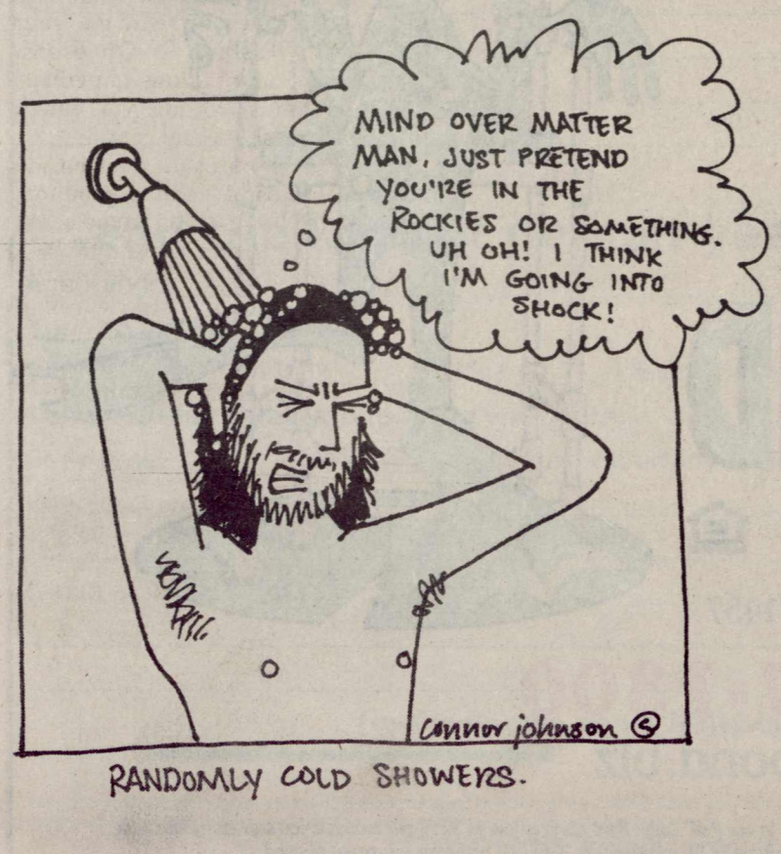
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Dr Hans Selye
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Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



Column

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Shooting Fish in a Barrel



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

This week, I'm taking a quick look at the State of the Union Address and the foreshadowing of Bush ramping up the GOP campaign machine. A full 2,200 words of the 5,200-word speech (42 percent for those too lazy to reach for a calculator) were devoted to defending the war in Iraq, trying to convince the American people that we have some sort of realistic plan for creating a legitimate government there, and playing into America's culture of fear in the guise of "awareness." He harps consistently throughout this section on the weapons of foreign countries, the continuing threat of terrorism, and national security. He calls for the renewal of the sunsetting USAPATRIOT Act, which I guarantee will turn into a proposal to make it permanent if he is elected back into a Republican-controlled Congress, and he touts the capture of Saddam Hussein as a great victory for democracy. (By the way, has anyone else noticed that the pronunciation on the news has gone from "suh-DAHM" to "Sodom?" What the hell?)

He speaks too accurately when he says, "By passing the No Child Left Behind Act, you have made the expectation of literacy the law in our country." (emphasis added) Bush is making a poor school system worse by passing a law that sets standards it does not support; he said further in the speech that "testing is the only way to identify and help students who are falling behind." Does anyone else think that maybe good teachers would help with this?

The thing that I really find galling, though, is his comment towards the end about helping our children and "counter[ing] the negative influence of the culture." You know, Mr. Bush, this culture rules itself; you are (theoretically, anyway) the person this culture chose to serve as its leader. Everyone in America will agree that some other segment of the culture is crazy or sick or somehow negative, and this kind of statement panders to the rampant xenophobia that has given this president so much undeserved power. This seems to have died down as a controversy, so let me say it loud and clear just to remind everyone that it did in fact happen:

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A Bumpy ride through *The Wonder Years*

Of course you're losing weight: *You're dying*



By Shantel M. Wempren

You can take a pill. You can have surgery. You can exercise until the point of bitter exhaustion. You can diet. But what is it all for? Weight loss. America is obsessed with weight. There are literally millions of web sites about weight loss. 3,148,499 showed up on my server when I queried, "weight loss."

Why can't America achieve the perfect body? Physical activity is at an all time low. People can do almost anything from sitting at a computer but they want to be as thin as a Clay Aiken or Calista Flockhart so instead of maintaining a healthy balance of diet and exercise they go on diets that cause rapid weight loss. Instant gratification.

I went home a few weeks ago and saw a friend that I have not seen in about a month. From a glance I could tell she had lost weight. Not so much in her figure but in her face. She said that she had been exercising. I felt like I should take her out for ice cream or something because she looked so horribly thin.

Being overweight is not healthy. Obesity can lead to heart problems, diabetes, high blood pressure and osteoarthritis (www.obesity.com). Being underweight can lead to bone loss, nutrient deficiency and heart irregularities. It can also lead to depression (http://www.vegetariadiet.info/underweight-health-risks.htm). Can't we find a happy medium that won't kill us?

Louis Black, a comedian, made a good point, "Of course you're losing weight: You're dying." Diets such as the Atkins Diet are not healthy. They provide rapid weight loss but they also cause the body to lose valuable nutrients. Lack of nutrients can lead to lack of energy and eventually your immune system will weaken.

If you are over weight, not if you feel overweight but if you actually are, it may be a good idea to see a dietician and let a professional give you a diet and work out plan. If you just want to loose a few of those Christmas pounds before summer then just give up the seconds at meals and eat dessert only once a week but do not skip meals. Skipping meals will cause an adverse reaction. It's your body, so of course you will do whatever you feel is best. But be careful and look in the mirror often and ask yourself, how important is it to be thin?

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Letters to the Editor

Quick response to Warrior

I am well aware that some people, whether privately or on a public forum like this, will complain about the SGA having the Warrior come speak. However I will address why I believe these complaints to be hollow.

The main complaint I heard was that a majority of the students would not want to hear a pro wrestler speak and that the SGA wasn't keeping in mind the needs and wants of the students. However, what they fail to see is that there is students who were very interested in seeing him speak, which was evident by the crowd that showed up to hear him.

I do believe that we should keep the students interest in mind, both the majority and the minority. And, like in the real world, we can't always please everyone. However, we can keep bringing in different people that will appeal to a wide range of students.

Another complaint I have heard is that we needed a "real" politician to talk to us instead of a pro wrestler. Again I must ask why. Is there a rule somewhere that states that pro wrestlers can not be intelligent and have knowledge about politics?

Had these people done research they would have seen that many pro wrestlers have college degrees and are quite successful once they retire. The most notable are Jesse Ventura who became the governor of Minnesota and Ludvig Borga (real name Tony Halme) who was recently elected to the Finnish Parliament.

Also, why can't someone who isn't a politician have an opinion on politics and issues? Does the fact that The Warrior has never held office make his opinions any less valid. For that matter does that mean that my opinions are less valid because I'm not a politician?

While I didn't agree with everything he said, The Warrior's speech was very well thought-out and very enjoyable. As a conservative, and as a wrestling fan, it was refreshing to finally hear a speaker that I could relate to.

The student government deserves credit for bringing the Warrior in. He was a very good choice and definitely attracted a different crowd than another speaker would have. Hopefully in the future the SGA will keep inviting a diverse collection of speakers that will appeal to different groups of students every year.

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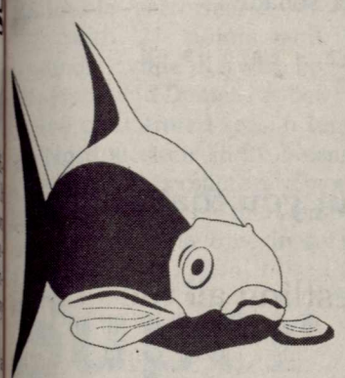
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Big Fish



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It's a typical story about love, life and adventure, but with a few magical twists that make Big Fish a charming and lovable movie.

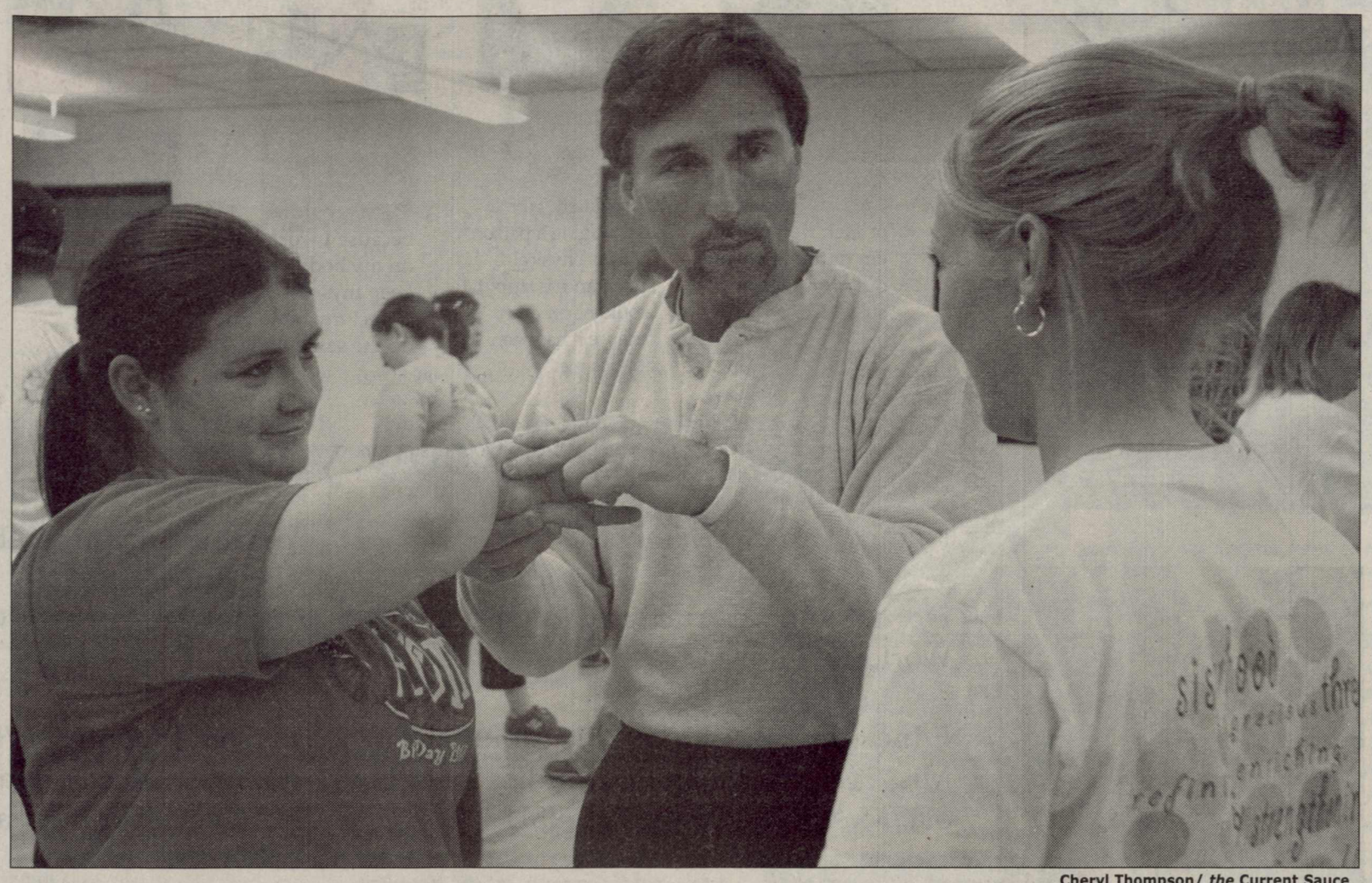
Tim Burton has to be one of my all-time favorite directors. His style is famous and his movies can be so beautiful that they are literally like works of art to watch. Big Fish was one of those movies. Though I love Tim Burton, not since 1990's "Edward Scissorhands" has a film of his contain such beauty. It was like seeing a magic realist text come to life on the big screen.

Ed Bloom, played by both Ewan McGregor and Albert Finney, was an excellent character. However, I loved Finney's portrayal of the old Bloom better than McGregor's young Bloom. Perhaps this was because McGregor is from the UK, acting with an American accent, and then a southern accent. While McGregor still does a wonderful job and is always a pleasure to watch onscreen, it is hard to take him seriously with this accent, which can ruin the mood at times.

My favorite thing about this movie is the imagery. My favorite character would have to be that of the Witch and Jenny (Helena Bonham Carter). The makeup and costuming for these characters, the scenery used for their houses and the special effects used to create the vines along the house were truly wonderful to see. Carter's acting, though for small roles, was just so memorable and unique. She was able to be scary as the witch, and then still come off as a normal, nice young woman as Jenny. There is also a great use of symbolism using the characters of the Witch, Jenny, his wife Sandra Bloom (Jessica Lange and Alison Lohman) with the uncatchable fish.

There were, of course, downfalls (besides McGregor's accent) to the movie. The biggest was being forced to see Danny DeVito's naked butt. It was not a pretty sight. The other was the acting of Billy Crudup, who play's Bloom's son Will. Granted it is the stereotypical roll of a son not understanding his father, and so not talking to him, and then being forced to reconcile before his father dies. However, there are always ways to make the role memorable and your own. Crudup, though, is just uninteresting until the end, when he finally just accepts his father's tales and makes up one for the two of them to share. Which works because it makes the ending complete, there just could not have been a better ending for this movie.

All in all this was one of the better movies I have seen in a while. It could have so easily become too mushy or stereotypical, but the writing was so superb that the movie took on that sense of the magical within the reality of life, aside from the truly magical elements of the story. This was a four and a half star movie, and everyone should see it.



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Crystal Lauw (left), sophomore general studies major, and Laura Armour, junior hospitality manage & tourism major perfect self-defense techniques.

Classroom creativity

By Elizabeth Bolt
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Tired of the daily grind of the same old not-so-interesting classes? Why not try something new to spice up the academic life?

Northwestern offers a vast array of unusual and fascinating classes: Wine Appreciation, Karate, and Water Exercise.

Wine Appreciation is a non-credit class offered to any student 21 or older who wants to learn about and taste wine. The class focuses on comparisons between the great wines of Europe and the domestic American equivalents.

Students will learn the correct pronunciation of different wines, how to order from wine menus, and how to select wine for food pairings. Lectures last about an hour and are followed by eating, drinking, and socializing.

The class is instructed by Lynn Woods, begins the last Thursday of January and is held at 6 p.m. every Thursday for six weeks at the NSU Recreation Complex.

Students will need five wine glasses per class. There are about 10 spots available, and anyone who would like to participate can stop by Woods' office or mail her a check for $75. The check will cover the cost of all wines and lectures.

Mark Williams, owner of Ichiban Karate School, teaches a beginner karate class at NSU for those who have never had experience with karate. The class teaches self-defense and aerobic exercise.

"I wanted to take the class because I wanted to learn how to defend myself when necessary," Sherrita Youngblood, senior General Studies major said.

Students are taught the basic blocks, kicks, punches and sparring combinations, as well as the principles of leverage and body movements. The class exposes students to the traditional formalities, courtesies and customs of another culture.

"The hardest thing about the class is trying to remember all the techniques," Youngblood said.

Warrior philosophy and the concepts of honor and integrity are also discussed.

The class is offered every semester and is worth two credit hours. Students must provide their own uniforms or purchase them from Williams for $25.

The Water Exercise class is new this semester. It is part of a two-class series that has not yet been completely set up. Once students have completed both classes, they will have obtained all information needed to teach a water exercise class.

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The class is held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Testing Zone 102: Cracking the LSAT

By Kristen Dauzat
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If you are considering going to law school, congratulations. It has been said to be a very rigorous three years that consist of endless reading and on-the-spot questioning by instructors.

The Law School Admission Test is a required part of the application process to get accepted into law school. The 201 law schools that are members of the Law School Admission Council require this test before accepting applications. The test measures how well you are expected to perform in law school.

Information on the LSAT

The test is administered for 3 hours, 30 minutes, on a Saturday morning and consists of 101 questions. The lowest score possible is a 120, and the highest is a 180. A score of 150 is considered average. There are four sections on the test consisting of Analytical Reasoning, two parts Logical Reasoning and Reading Comprehension. There is also a writing sample, which is sent to the actual law schools to which the student applies. The writing sample does not count toward the total score. There is an experimental section, which also does not count toward the score, but it is not stated between which sections it will appear. It is also wise to answer as many problems as possible, because the tester is not penalized for incorrect answers.

Alex Aichenger, professor of political sciences, said that a potential law student should enroll in an argumentative writing class to help them with the LSAT.

The English department offers Argumentative Writing 2510 and Advanced Composition 3210, which may help a pre-law student.

"Political science is what people normally major in," Aichenger said.

Aichenger said that there are other majors that are suitable for a pre-law student.

"The idea that political science is the only major is not right," Aichenger said. He said English, Sociology, and Business are all good majors.



Practice tests are available for purchase at local bookstores or online.

The tests are administered four times a year, including in June, December and February but the best time to take the LSAT is in October. It is also recommended that a potential law school student take the test only once. The registration fee for the LSAT is $108. Late registrants must pay an additional $54.

Aichenger advises students to study prep-material from books such as Kaplan.

Scott Manguno, who took the LSAT, said, "If I had to take the test again I would go ahead and bite the bullet and pay for one of those courses."

"One thing that would help them [potential law students] is by taking logic games," Aichenger said.

Students should remember to bring the following items to the examination:

No. 2 pencils, eraser, photo ID card, stopwatch, snacks and the LSAT admission ticket.

Manguno offered advice to students that are interested in taking the LSAT.

"Keep studying and make sure you do take a full test," Manguno said. "The practice tests are actually pretty representative of an actual test."

Arrive early to the test, dress in layers, use the restroom before the test and eat a high protein breakfast.

The next test is Feb. 7. Testing centers nearby are located at NSU, Centenary College and Louisiana Tech. However, it is too late to register for this test date.

Students can register online, by telephone, or by mail.

There are packets available on the third floor of the student union for interested applicants.

For more information on the LSAT, go to http://www.lsac.org or http://www.kaptest.com

Natchitoches going to the dogs:

K-9-US parade set for February 14

Courtesy of the *NatchitochesTimes*

The Mystice Krewe of Kaninus is scheduled to hold their third annual Mardi Gras parade for owners and their dogs at 2 p.m. The parade will start at the circle in front of Dominic's Restaurant on Front Street.

A sign-up party is being held today at 7 p.m. at Dominic's featuring food and a cash bar.

The parade gives pet owners the opportunity to enjoy the Mardi Gras season with their pets by dressing up in costumes and throwing colorful beads to the delight of parade goers.

This years queen is Gracie Townsend, Rep. and Mrs. Taylor Townsend's black schnauzer. The king of K-9-US is the dog of former Sen. and Mrs. Don Kelly, a Chihuahua named Jesus.

The grand marshal will be former Mayor of Natchitoches Joe Sampite'.

Krewe members must be 18 or older and can be accompanied by children.

There are three levels of membership. Happy Tails Members march at the rear of the parade for a fee of $25, for one pet and one person. Lucky Dog members march in the middle section for a sign-up fee of $30, for one person and one pet. Royalty Court membership is $40, and includes up to two dogs and three people at the front of the parade. Each additional dog or person is $5.

The deadline for registration is Jan. 31.

A $10 late charge will apply for anyone signing up after that date.

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



Beautiful: Not always a size zero

Beautiful women come in all shapes, colors and sizes. From short to tall, blonde, brunette or redhead, from size BeBe to Layne Bryant, ladies of the new millennium seem to be more beautiful than ever.

Even though there are magazines out there that epitomize the beauty in those celebrities with more hair on them than meat as attractive, other magazines like InStyle and Cosmopolitan are putting shapely femmes on their covers and presenting them to the public as role-models for real women.

What do Beyonce, JLo and Queen Latifah all have in common? They each have hip measurements larger than 36." And guess what… they couldn't be prouder of them!

And I, ladies and gentleman, could not agree more.

I think it is tragic that women today feel as if they have to compete with those celebrities who put more hairspray and goop in their tresses than food in their stomachs. It is a real shame that girls today think that beauty is when your hip-bones poke out from behind hip-hugging jeans and boney shoulders peek out from under silk camisoles—from which concave tummies are veiled.

I know that when I was younger, all I thought about was how I was going to fit in a blouse that was two sizes too small for my bust, or how I was going to keep my stomach from pooching out from underneath my new A & F baby-T. But, as do we all, I matured—probably not a whole lot, but enough to realize that I am a genuine, 100 percent, bona fide woman, and real women have curves. So here I am: 38-28-40, and freakin' proud of it…and so should any other gal. So, after my epiphany, I decided that my confidence would only come from figuring out who else out there had curves like me. And I found them!

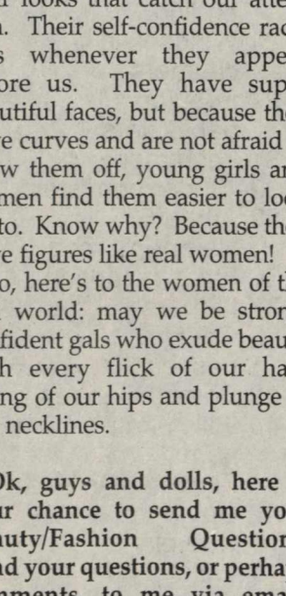
Women like Beyonce and Jennifer Lopez really have something going for them—pride and confidence. Isn't it great to have such role-models in the media for us to admire? But it is not just their looks that catch our attention. Their self-confidence radiates whenever they appear before us. They have super beautiful faces, but because they have curves and are not afraid to show them off, young girls and women find them easier to look up to. Know why? Because they have figures like real women!

So, here's to the women of the real world: may we be strong, confident gals who exude beauty with every flick of our hair, swing of our hips and plunge of our necklines.

Ok, guys and dolls, here is your chance to send me your Beauty/Fashion Questions. Send your questions, or perhaps comments, to me via email: SaucyFashion@aol.com.

Please limit your questions to only those regarding products, hairstyles, fashion trends, etc. i.e.: "I'm going to a formal ball, and my dress has a unique back. What kind of hairstyle would look best with it?" Or "I have very sensitive skin. What products are best for my skin type?"

Hope to hear from a few of you!



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Q&A

Would you date someone outside of your body structure?



Terrell Moore
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"Yes…as a matter of fact, right now I am dating someone out of my body structure."



Tobi Guedry
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"Absolutely. I think that judging a person by their physical appearance is stupid; I would never do it because it has been done to me."



Dezmond Meeks
Sophomore

"No I wouldn't, because I work hard on my body and I keep myself up, so I expect my mate to do the same thing."



Unek King
Freshman

"Yes, because big males are cuddly like a bear."



Jaime Green
Senior

"Sure, I would date someone larger than me because size doesn't matter to me, looks don't matter to me, it's all about a girl's personality. "

Getting to know you



Name: Pamela J. Francis

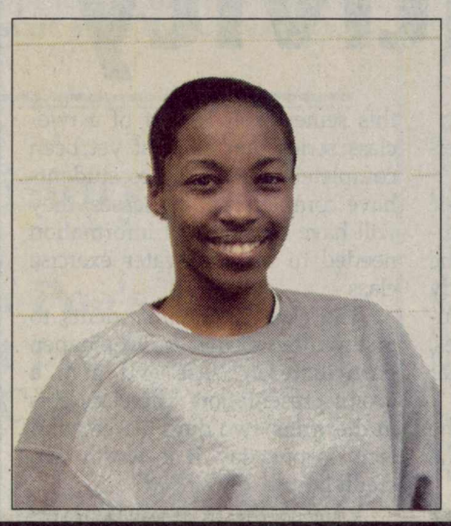
Occupation: Instructor of English and World Religions

Education: B.A. from Blue Mountain, Miss., M.A. in Religious Studies from Loyola, M.A. in English from NSU

Family: Married to Dr. Greg Granger - 5 cats, 1 dog

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?
"I beat Greg at arm-wrestling all the time."

Personal Quote: "When you gotta, you do. I've never been afraid of hard work, but I've never been afraid of a good time either."



Name: Ashley Barrow

Occupation: Student

Major: Business Administration

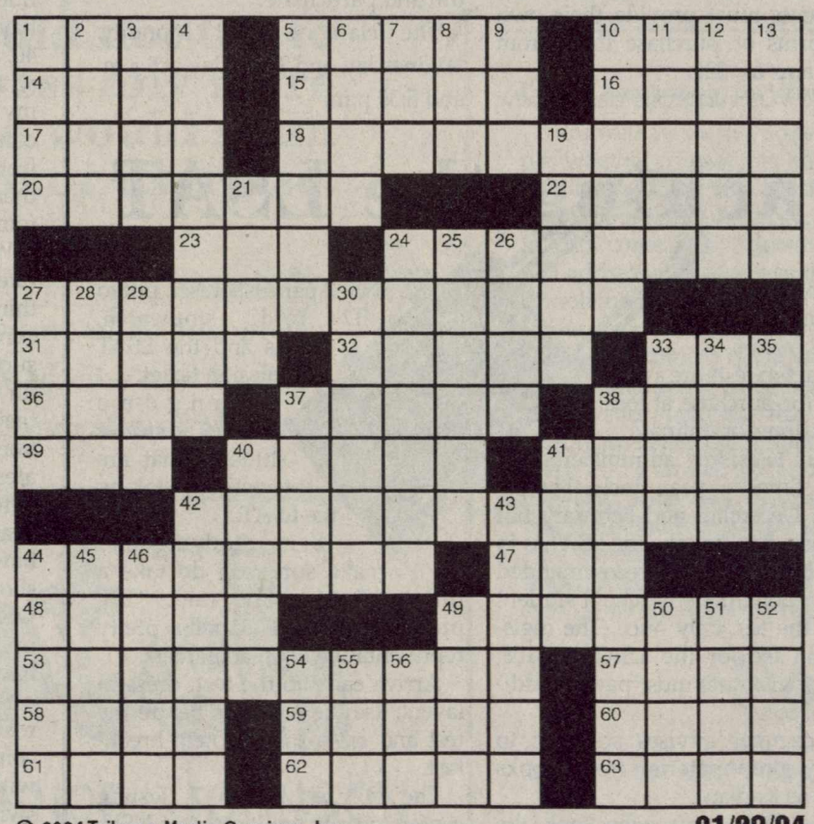
Hometown: Baton Rouge

Family: Single, two brothers

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?
I'm training to be in the Olympics, "Track"

Personal Quote: "Never rush anything because God will give it to you in do time! Some things are meant for you and some are not."

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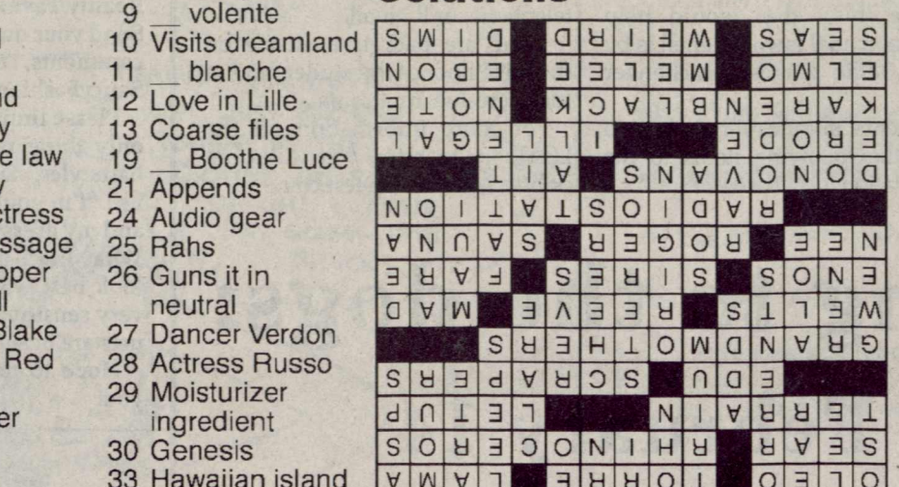
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12-2		ANGELA COBOS - TECHNO-	CHRIS RODRIGUEZ - PUNK ROCK-	BEN HALE - MODERN ROCK-	BRAD HARTLEY - METAL-
2-4	KALEY WILKINS - PUNK-	EMILY PERKINS - PUNK ROCK-	SUMMER BROADWAY - ROCK-	JAMIE HIPP - ROCK-	PATRICK FELTER - SGA-
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8-10	KYLE AND LESLIE - MODERN ROCK-	JACOB BLOOD - FUNK ROCK-	TIFFANY WILLAMS - ROCK-	KIM BRAMMER - ROCK-	OLIVIA HAMILTON - URBAN-



Demons survive scare Wed. night

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern State's breather nearly knocked the air out of the red-hot Demons Wednesday night.

Huston-Tillotson College's Rams, an NAIA team from Austin, Texas, rode 54 percent shooting to a nine-point halftime lead before the Demons recovered to post a 97-82 non-conference victory at Prather Coliseum.

Sophomore guard Jermaine Wallace posted his second double-double performance of the year with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Kerwin Forges (17 points) and Demetrius Bell (14 points) each scored season highs for Northwestern (8-9). Keenan Jones added 13 points and Tyronn Mitchell had 10 as the Demons won for the sixth time in seven games.

The game was sandwiched between Northwestern's first six Southland Conference games and a Saturday afternoon showdown against Texas State in Prather Coliseum with the SLC lead at stake.

"When we scheduled this game, we knew the possibility of a let-down was there, playing a lower-division team between conference games this late in the season," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy. "We were hoping for a breath of fresh air and instead we got a slice of humble pie."

The Rams (8-13) got 25 points by Andre Jones and 20 from Jerry Shorter along with 19 by Derrick Bunton. After hitting 20 of its first 37 shots and outrebounding NSU by 21-17 to post a 50-41 halftime lead, HTC went 1-for-10 and was outrebounded 13-7 in the first eight minutes of the second half while the Demons went on a 19-4 tear to snag the upper hand.

Northwestern outscored the visitors 56-32 in the second half and outshot them 50 percent to 36 percent whie outrebounding them 28-11.

"When this team plays with the focus and intensity it's shown in the first six conference games, we're as good as anybody in our league," said McConathy. "If we don't, we'll find ourselves at the other end of the totem pole. We saw that in the first half tonight, with no disrespect meant to our opponents. We didn't bring the focus and intensity we've got to have. We took a half off.

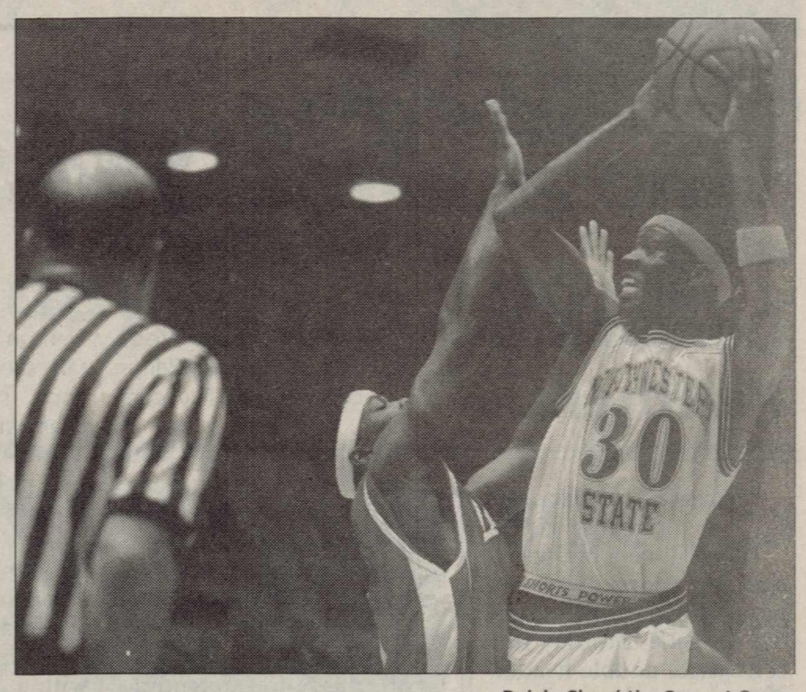
"Huston-Tillotson came to play and shot extremely well in the first half. They came in excited and their energy helped them beat us on the boards and to loose balls," he said.

Northwestern helped its cause with 85 percent free throw aim, hitting 8 of 9 in the first half and 21 of 25 in the second half. That offset 4-of-15 shooting from behind the 3-point circle.

The Demons played without their second-leading scorer and top rebounder, sophomore forward Clifton Lee. He sat out the game with a sprained ankle suffered last Thursday in an 87-77 win at Sam Houston State and reaggravated last Saturday in an 84-82 overtime loss at Texas-San Antonio. He should be able to play Saturday afternoon against Texas State.

NSU raised its record at home to 6-0 this year and to 35-18 in the fifth season under McConathy.

Up next for the Demons is a home contest against top-ranked Texas State. The Demons then play McNeese State at home onThursday evening before they go on a 3-game road stint.



Delvin Sims/ the Current Sauce
Forward Clifton Lee goes for a shot as a Nicholls State defender fouls him on the shot. The referee looks on and gets ready to blow the whistle on the play.

Super Bowl XXXVIII

By Don Pierson
Chicago Tribune
www.krtcampus.com

Two ultimate teams in the ultimate team sport are playing in the ultimate game, at least until next year. So why does Super Bowl XXXVIII have the personality of a beige sweatshirt?

The Super Bowl is about glitter and glamour; the best football teams are about grime and grit.

The top runners and receivers on the Carolina Panthers and New England Patriots are guys named Smith and Davis and Brown. The names on the jerseys ring no bells.

It might be someone who's not even playing, like Carolina linebacker Mark Fields or linebackers coach Sam Mills, both incredibly afflicted with cancer as this season started and now buoying the spirits of the Panthers as they undergo chemotherapy.

These are two teams in the best and most complete sense of the word.

Christian Fauria has become one of the 42 starters used by the 2003 Patriots. He is one of the role players from 18 different teams that coach Bill Belichick has melded into another Super Bowl contender.

Most 29 of them weren't members of the 2001 team that beat the Rams.

Likewise, the Panthers are an assemblage of players from 16 teams, 30 of whom weren't around in 2001.

Team strength allowed the Panthers to win four of five overtime games and go 10-3 in games decided by a touchdown or less. The same kind of togetherness made the Patriots 8-1 in games decided by a touchdown or less.

Yet the teams are labeled boring.

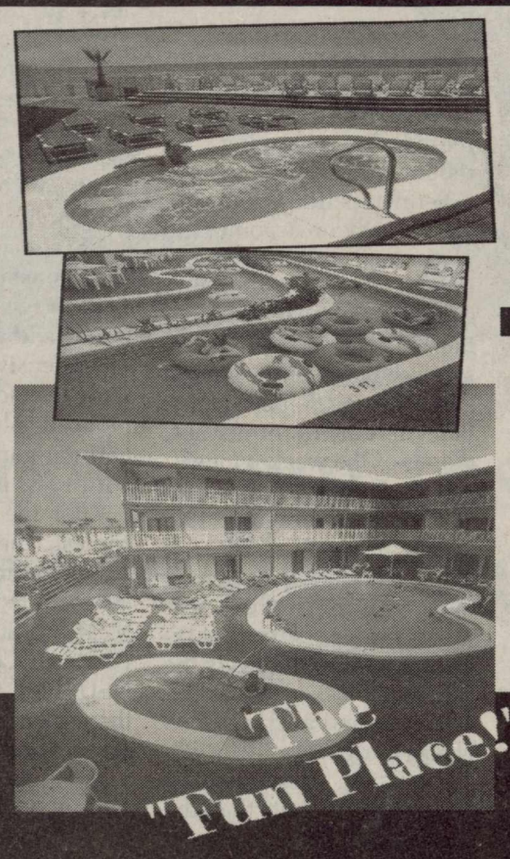
The Panthers boosted their running attack by adding Stephen Davis from the Washington Redskins in one of the best free-agent moves of the off-season. Or was that Steve Smith? Davis is the Panthers' leading rusher, Smith the leading receiver. Davis, by the way, is the only offensive player on either team voted to the Pro Bowl.

Fittingly, the Patriots' leading rusher also is a guy named Antowain Smith. There's a Manning in the game, but it's Panthers rookie cornerback Ricky Jr., not Indianapolis superstar quarterback, Peyton.

The most famous player on the Panthers might be Rod Smart, but nobody recognizes that name. They recognize him as the player from the XFL who wore "He Hate Me" on the back of his jersey. That's the defunct XFL, by the way.

If you want to see players celebrating with cell phones or pom-poms, then probably this Super Bowl won't be right to watch either. For one thing, the game might be 10-7, minimizing the chances for end-zone antics. For another, the Panthers and Patriots aren't built that way.

Spring Break in Panama City Beach, Florida!



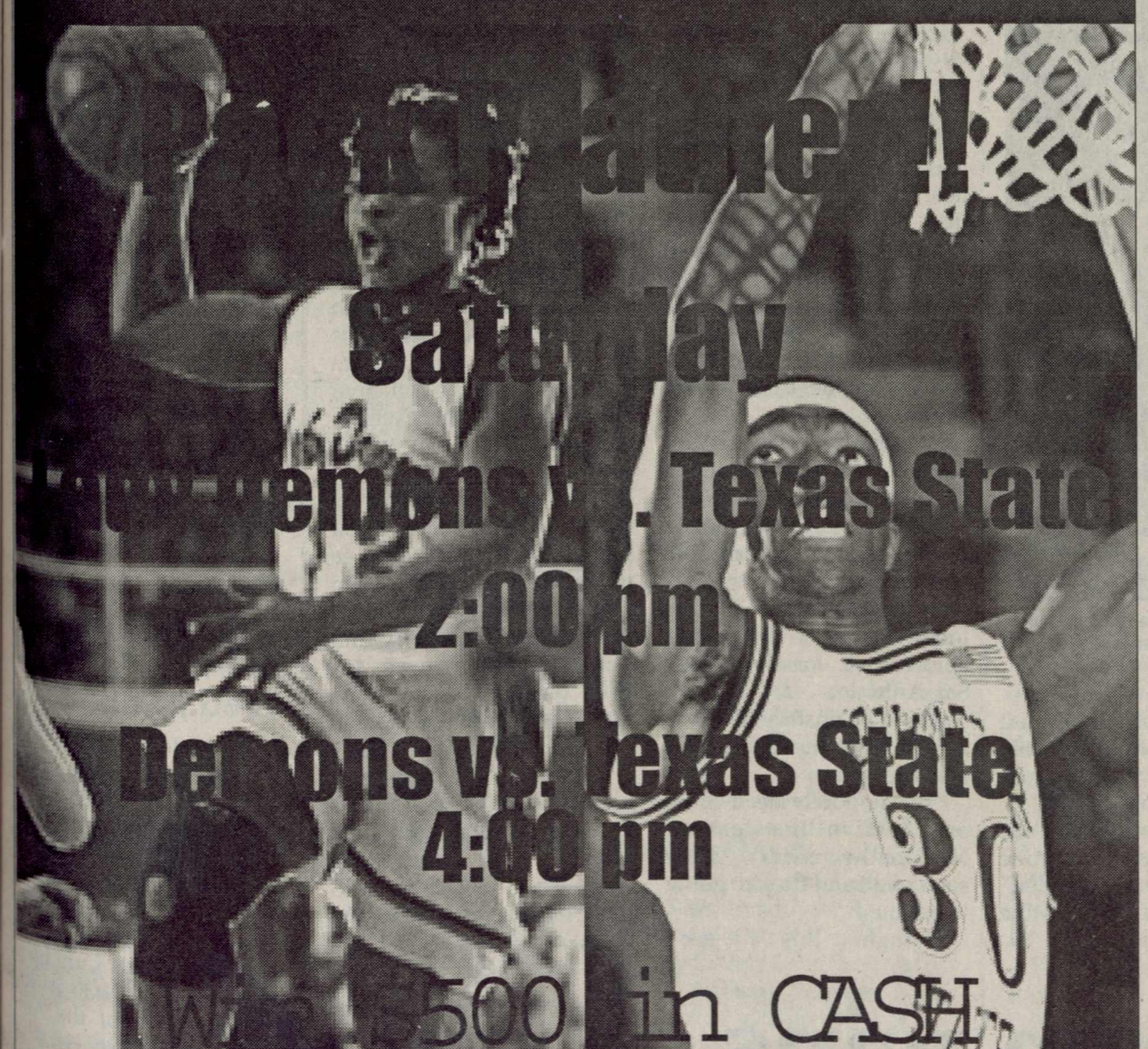
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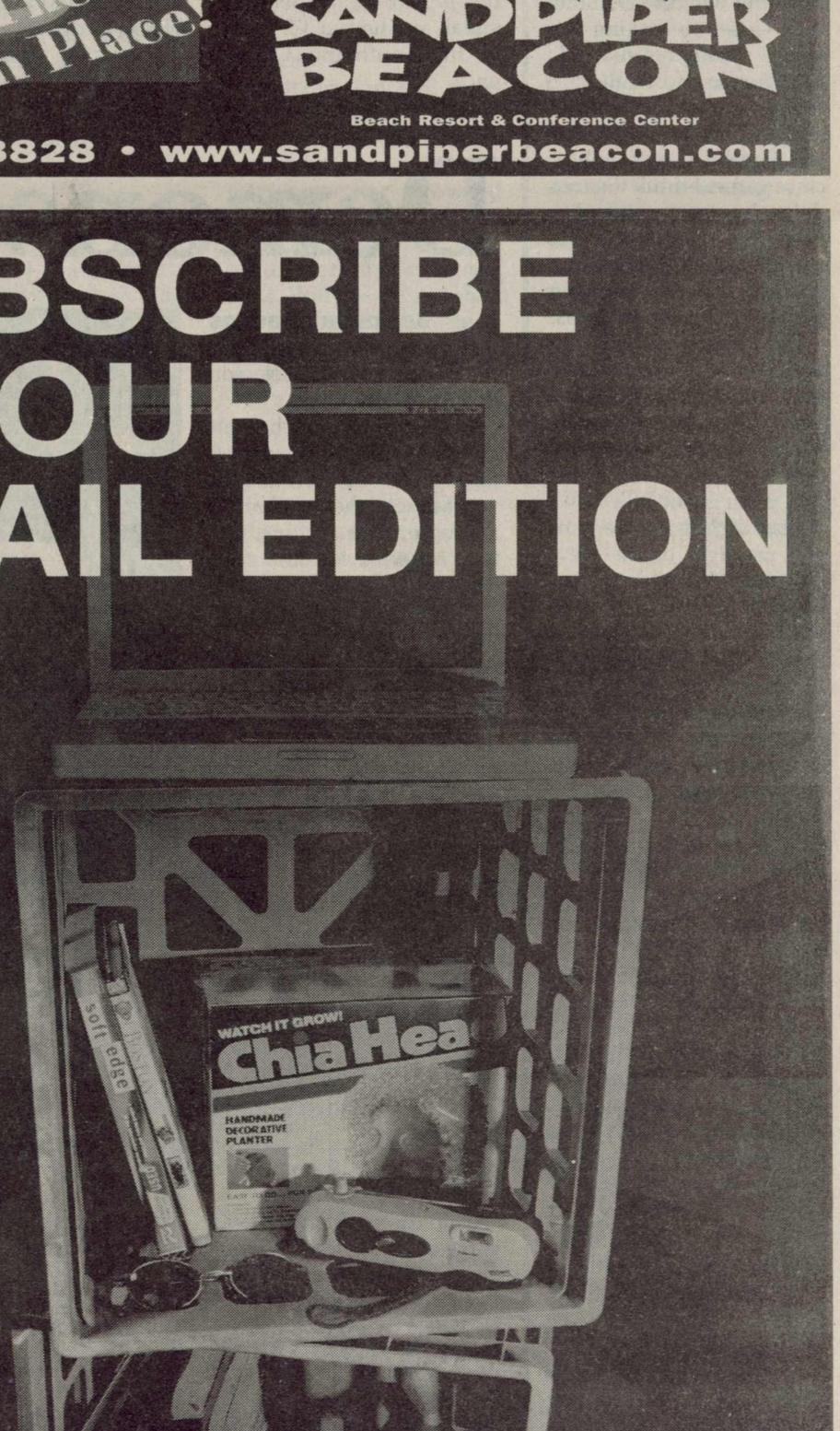
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The Way I See It

Demons & Panthers

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This will be a big weekend for sports. First we have Northwestern playing at home Saturday in a conference double-header.

Then we have Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1. I know I will be working extra hard to get my homework done so I can go to Prather on Sat. and then sit in front of my T.V. for the hours upon hours of the pre-game show and then the Super Bowl itself.

The Lady Demons are in first place in the conference, and I think they will win easily against Texas State. Now the Demons, on the other hand, will be a good game as Texas State is in first place and NSU is in second.

The Demons were a shot away from being undefeated like Texas State. Texas-San Antonio beat the Demons in overtime last Saturday in a thrilling game in San Antonio.

If, I mean when, the Demons win on Satudrday then they will be in a first place tie with Texas State. With the win, the Demons inch closer to making the sports writers dye their hair purple and white.

Now on to Super Bowl XXXVIII, where I predict the Panthers will win a close game. I think the two defensive teams will play hard and keep the game close. But the Panthers will win 20-17 over the Patriots in Houston, Texas.

The Panthers are the underdogs, which is a role they relish in. The Panthers unknown Quarterback Jake Delhomme has the seven comeback victories, most in the NFL.

I bet right now the general manager of the New Orleans Saints is sitting on Bourbon Street having a stiff drink after letting Breaux Bridge-native Delhomme go and not giving him the chance to play.

Delhomme wanted to stay with the Saints, but New Orleans opted for Aaron Brooks. Oh, the Saints missed the playoffs again this year. Great choice, Saints!

Another advantage for the Panthers is their dominating front four that consists of Julius Peppers, Brentson Buckner, Kris Jenkins and Mike Rucker.

The Panthers secondary is another underdog as the critics say the secondary is soft and not that good. I wish people would give the Panthers respect.

The hard-hitting defense of the Panthers knocked out Donovan F. McNabb and physically dominated the Eagles (No. 1 seed in the NFC).

The only problem the Panthers might have trouble with is running the football. The Patriots have defensive tackle Ted Washington who is over 300 pounds and a natural run-stopper.

The Panthers might have to switch to DeShaun Foster, who runs on the outside to gain yards, unlike Stephen Davis who is a power runner that runs between the tackles.

Have a good weekend and head out to Prather to cheer on our Demon basketball teams. Go Demons and Panthers! This Super Bowl will be one for the ages. No blowouts, but a good close game.

Still undefeated

By Patrick West
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The Northwestern State Lady Demons return home after a successful Texas two-step this past weekend.

NSU started off the two-step on the right foot with a win over then-undefeated Sam Houston State (81-61) and then to defending Southland Conference champion Texas-San Antonio (71-64).

Lady Demon senior point guard La'Terrica "Cooda" Dobin earned Southland Conference Player of the Week honors for her play throughout the two-game road trip. Dobin averaged 17.5 points, 12.5 assists, 5.0 steals and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Dobin also scored a season-high 24 points against UTSA while scoring 11 points and a season-high 19 assists against SHSU to earn her fifth double-double of the season. Cooda became the third Lady Demon to be named SLC Player of the Week.

The Lady Demons are on a seven game winning streak with 10 games left in the conference schedule. Up next for NSU is the Texas State Lady Bobcats who are on a two-game winning streak and have a 3-2 record in the Southland Conference.

NSU has three Lady Demon players in the top ten scorers in the conference. Junior point guard Diamond Cosby leads the league in scoring, averaging 18.1 points per game while averaging 3.88 assists per game.

Cosby is a two-time player of the week winner and also leads the league in 3-point field goal percentage with a .404 percent average and leads in 3-point field goals made with 40, while averaging 2.35 a game.

NSU junior forward Amanda Bennett is third in the league in scoring, averaging 16.1 points per game and second in conference in rebounds with a total of 157 rebounds, averaging 9.2 rebound per game.

Bennett is tied with teammate Cosby on 3-point field goals made with 40 three-pointers, while averaging 2.35 per game. She is leading the conference in defensive rebounds with 112 and averages 6.59 per game. Bennett is also a former SLC player of the week winner.

The other leading scorer is Dobin, averaging 13.2 points and 9.8 assists per game. Another Lady Demon making an impact this season is center Ashley Sparkman, a junior who leads the league in blocked shots with 49 blocks and averages 2.88 blocks per game.

Sparkman has twenty more blocked shots than the second place Megan McDougald of Lamar University.

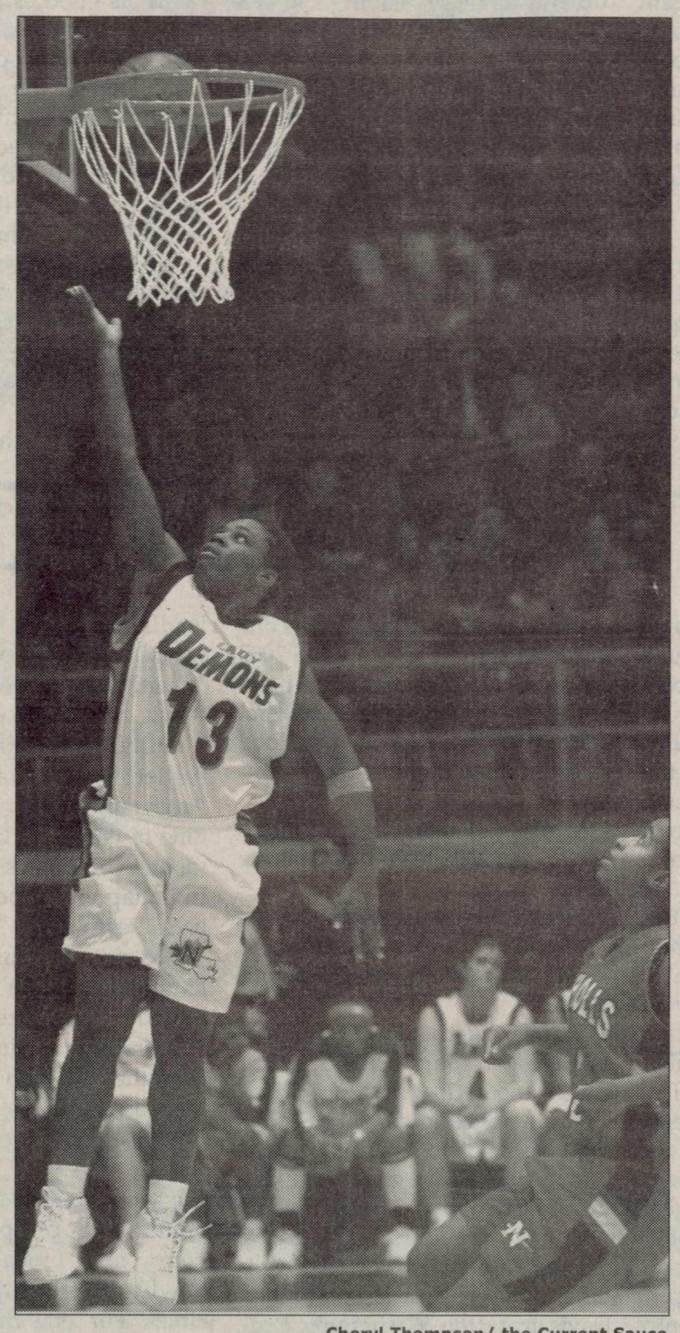
Texas State comes into the Saturday contest confident, and the Lady Demons will look to shut down center Tori Talbert.

Sparkman will have her hands full defending the 6'2 Talbert, who is averaging 15.7 points per game and 8.6 rebounds per game. Talbert is the leading scorer and rebounder on the Lady Bobcat team.

As a team, NSU leads in several categories, or is at least in the top five. The Lady Demons are the number one scoring team in the conference averaging 74.7 points per game and leads in the scoring margin, beating teams by an average of 5.9 points.

NSU also leads in field goal percentages, field goal percentages defense, 3-point field goal percentages and offensive rebounds. The Lady Demons also lead in blocked shots, averaging 6.24 per game and in assists with 16.88 per game.

After the Saturday home contest, the Lady Demons return home for a game against heated rival McNeese State on Feb. 5 at Prather Coliseum. Then NSU hits the road for a three-game road stint and returns home on Feb. 21 for a three-game home stand. Tip off is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
La'Terrica Dobin makes an easy bakset against Nicholls St.

Demons 5-1 in conference

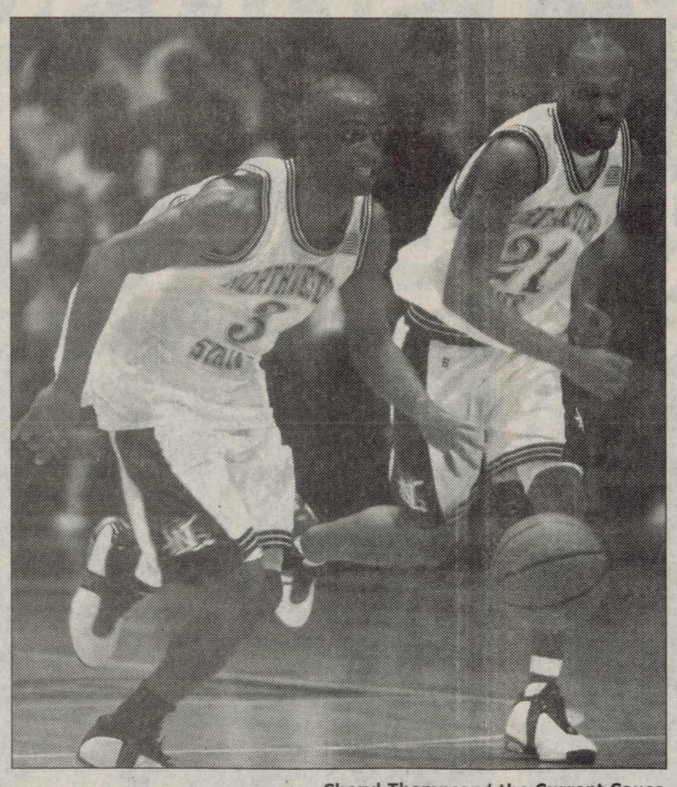
By Joshua Barrios
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The NSU Demon basketball team has been soaring through this season, and if you thought the first half of the season was exciting, just wait for what is coming up next.

Hard losses to the University of New Mexico, Arkansas State and Oklahoma State had many fans worried about the season, but the Demons' fight to a 5-1 Southland Conference record and a second place conference gives high hopes for the remainder of the season.

The Demons started their conference run with a one-point win over Stephen F. Austin at Prather Coliseum. The win lifted the Demons out of a 2-8 losing season record and was the first of five straight conference wins as they went on to defeat McNeese State, Nicholls State, Lamar State and Sam Houston State.

Going into last Saturday's game against the University of Texas-San Antonio, the Demons seemed as if they would remain undefeated, but a tight game and a couple of surprises landed the Demons their first conference loss.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
Guard Tyronn Mitchell starts a fast break against Nicholls St. with guard Keenan Jones running right beside him looking for a pass.

Center Byron Allen fouled out of the game with eight minutes to go and star rebounding forward Clifton Lee went out on an ankle injury with five minutes left leaving both to watch the two-point overtime loss from the bench.

"In this situation, you can only make sure everyone else is ready to play harder," Head Coach Mike McConathy said.

Last night, the Demons proved they were by defeating Huston-Tillotson College 97-82, bringing their season record to 8-9.

Lee sat out of the game, but participated in pre-game practice. According to McConathy and Sports Information, Lee's injury was a sprain and will not take him out of team practices. Lee is expected to start Saturday's match up against Texas State-San Marcos.

McConathy said the Demons will spend Thursday and Friday preparing heavily for the 4 p.m. home game.

"We really need to get ready to deal with their zone defense," McConathy said.

Saturday's game means more than just a possible win for the Demons as they were tied with the Bobcats for first place in conference before their loss to Texas-San Antonio.

A win against the Bobcats would place the Demons in solo first place.

"We definitely need to do our best in that game," McConathy said. "They shoot well and they're going to be tough."

Though this week's preparation may help the Demons Saturday night, McConathy said he knows it needs to reach farther.

"There are a few teams who want beat us to help them get back into position," McConathy said. "There are only eight spots in the conference tournament and everyone wants to be in it."

McConathy's worries may be well founded as the same five teams the Demons swept earlier in the season have second chances in the coming weeks and though they don't compare much in the conference, the Demons have held their own on the court.

Jermaine Wallace ranks fifth in conference in overall scoring while Clifton Lee ranks 16th. Clifton also ranks third in rebounds with 121 total rebounds. Tyronn Mitchell also showed his help on the court as he placed seventh in assists and fourth in steals.

Overall the Demons have been finding ways to dominate in each game and have given themselves the edge that should get them into the Southland Conference Tournament.

Demon track team wins at LSU

Courtesy
Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Issa Banna and Noah Murgor took first places Saturday for Northwestern State at the season-opening Purple Tiger Indoor Invitational track and field meet hosted by LSU.

Banna, the two-time defending Southland Conference Outdoor shot put champion, won his specialty with a 55-7 throw. Murgor, an All-SLC cross country runner, took the men's 5000 meter run in a 15:50.50 clocking.

NSU All-American Stephanie Sowell took second in the women's triple jump, recording a 41-8 3/4 mark, two feet behind LSU All-American Nicole Toney's winning jump. Sowell went 42-10 1/2 last week at Houston.

NSU's Derrion Harris was second at 6-8 and teammate Cameron Waugh fourth at 6-6 in the men's high jump. David Williams of Northwestern took fourth with in the long jump (22-1 3/4) and sixth in the triple jump (47-4 1/2) while teammate Cedric Scott was seventh in the championship flight of the long jump (23-9).

David Pittman gave the Demons a third-place clocking of 22.51 in the men's 200 meter dash.

Dedric Bullock of Northwestern was the fifth-place runner with an 8.17 time in the men's 60 meter hurdles. The Demons' distance medley relay team ran a 10:37.87 time to finish fourth in that race, won by LSU's 10:12.21 time.

Lady Demon sophomore Katina Raymond took sixth in the women's 60 meter hurdles in 8.96 after clocking an 8.86 in preliminary heats. NSU's Chris Groome ran sixth in the 5000 (16:39.34) while Lady Demon Linzie Ledford was eighth in the women's 5000 (19:32.10).

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSU Womens Basketball
(13-4, 6-0 SLC)

Jan. 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-San Antonio
(6-10, 2-3 SLC)

NSU 71 - UTSA 64

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	31	40	**71**
UTSA	34	30	64

Jan. 22, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Sam Houston St.
(3-13, 3-2 SLC)

NSU 81 - SHSU 61

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	39	42	**81**
SHSU	24	37	61

Northwestern State vs.
Lamar (4-11, 1-4 SLC)

NSU 83 - LU 49

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	35	48	**83**
LU	24	25	49

Key Player:
La'Terrica Dobin
24 points vs. UTSA
Senior guard

NSU Basketball (7-9)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Jermaine Wallace
27 points vs. UTSA
Sophomore guard

Jan. 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-San Antonio
(7-11, 2-3 SLC)

Score by Halves

	1	2	OT	Final
NSU	41	31	10	82
UTSA	41	31	12	**84**

Jan. 22, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Sam Houston St.
(7-9,2-3 SLC)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	43	44	**87**
SHSU	44	33	77

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

FOOTBALL

NSU signing day set for Wed., Feb. 4

Students, faculty and staff are invited to a pair of special events next

Wednesday, Feb. 4, in conjunction with National Signing Day for Demon football.

A Quarterback Club Signing Day Luncheon will begin at 11:30 in the Stroud Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse, with a buffet meal available for $8. NSU head football coach Scott Stoker will discuss the members of the 2004 Demon signing class, high school seniors and transfer students who will join the Demons next August.

From 4-6 next Wednesday afternoon at Dominic's Italian Restaurant on Front Street, Stoker and the Demon coaching staff will be on "Sports on Call" radio show on 100.7 FM KZBL and 97.7 FM The Mix. Students, faculty and staff are invited to drop by and visit with the coaches.

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NSU recruits 13 new athletes on college signing day *pg. 8*

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What's Current?

NSU's Sigma Sigma Sigma named number one chapter in the nation

Northwestern State University's own Alpha Zeta chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma was recently named the number one chapter in the nation.

The Tri Sigma sorority won a total of six awards including the Overall Chapter Excellence award. This award is given to the chapter of Tri Sigma that demonstrates and exemplifies the best example of what a chapter should be.

The Alpha Zeta chapter received more awards than any other chapters of Tri Sigma in the nation. The National Executive Council and National President Mary Kay Barbee presented this award to the Alpha Zeta chapter and former alumni from across the United States.

This ceremony marked the 75th anniversary of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Other awards included: Recruitment, New Member Program, Sorority Education, Efficiency, and Alumnae Relations.

Member and freshman Britney Burton was named the National Honor Initiate, giving her a free trip to the annual Tri Sigma convention in Scottsdale Arizona. She will be among of hundreds of other Tri Sigma members there at the convention.

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Tri Sigma currently has eighty-five active members.

Nic Hunter

Addictive disorders degree to be offered this fall

The Department of Psychology will offer a new degree in Addictive Disorders that will be available in the fall of this year.

Dr. Susan Barnett, who is head of the new program, says the course is expected to cover substance abuse such as alcoholism and drug use as well as behavioral problems.

"When people think of addictive disorders they usually think of substance abusers, but they can include gambling and eating disorders," Barnett said.

The degree is a 4-year, 122-hour curriculum will include and will be offered as a Bachelor of Science. It will include 30 hours in addiction studies, ethics, and assessment.

"We got 10 new classes," Dr. Cynthia Lindsey, who is also involved in the program.

It will not available as a minor but it is under consideration.

"We are expecting a lot of local interest, but it could also draw statewide interest as well," Lindsey said.

Shameka Peters

Candidates for office of vp of academic affairs selected

The committee formed to select the new provost and vice president of academic affairs has selected three candidates for on-campus interviews in late February and early March.

The candidates selected for the interviews are Dean of the School of Business at Christian Brothers University Thomas Dukes, D.B.A. in marketing from LA Tech; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M Finnie Murray, Ph.D. in animal Science from the University of Florida; and Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at NSU Anthony Scheffler, Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Southern Mississippi.

The committee currently plans for the on-campus interview to include tours of the campus and the College of Nursing in Shreveport, group meetings with senior staff, the president's cabinet, and the Deans' Council, a late afternoon reception for all faculty to meet the applicants and finally an exit interview with President Webb. The committee also plans to arrange opportunities for students to meet the applicants.

The committee is comprised of 10 members, selected to represent the varied colleges, interests and student bodies of the University.

Anthony McKaskle

Athlete registration reviewed

By Garrett Guillotte
Staff Writer

A committee of high-ranking University officials, which did not include student representation, reviewed early registration procedures for student athletes on Tuesday and may have produced a preliminary new policy.

Faculty Senate President Ben Rushing said members of the committee "have what we think will be a good answer to the issue" but declined to release any details, citing that there are issues that must still be addressed.

"Rather than get word out on the street, it's best to get all of the background down," Rushing said. "I think all parties will be pleased."

He said recommendations from Tuesday's meeting will be presented to the Deans' Council at its next meeting, which is scheduled for Feb. 16.

Athletics Director Greg Burke said the committee, which operates as a subcommittee of the council, brainstormed ideas to help student athletes register for necessary classes while being fair to all students.

Currently, student athletes are allowed to register for classes before the rest of the student body. Burke said this policy was approved by University President Randall Webb and Thomas Burns, the University's former vice president of academics, in January 2003.

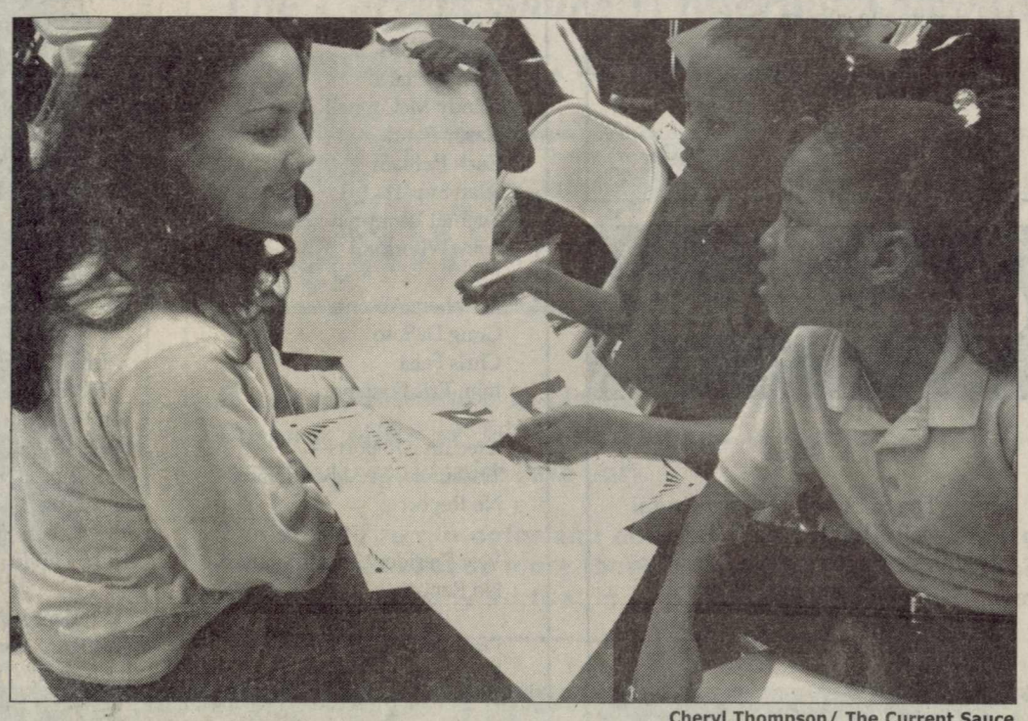
The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in December 2003 declaring the policy unfair to non-athletic students.

Burke said the policy was selected to help NSU's student athletes comply with NCAA-mandated continuing eligibility standards by ensuring they can register for necessary classes without conflicting with athletic practices and events, an issue that the NCAA claimed the University inadequately handled.

Rushing, Burke, and athletics academic adviser Julie Lessiter have seats on the eight-member University subcommittee, which was formed after a meeting between the council and Burke on Jan. 26. The other subcommittee members include Nursing Dean Norann Planchock, who led the subcommittee; Education Dean Vicki Gentry; Leesville campus director Larry Monk; Science and Technology Dean Austin Temple; and University College Dean Sue Weaver.

Anthony Scheffler, NSU's acting vice president of academic affairs, said on Monday that the subcommittee's goal would be to research possible alternatives to the existing policy while maintaining compliance with NCAA regulations.

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Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce
Lady of the Bracelet contestant and theater major Wanetah Walmsley signs autographs for Tiara Rachel, 8, and To-lu Payton (far right) at the Boys and Girls Club in Natchitoches.

Bracelet contestants prepare for pageant

By Katrina Dixon
Class Writer

Eleven women will compete in NSU's 45th Lady of the Bracelet pageant tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The contestants are: Kira Botton, Ashley Dunham, Brittany Hung, Rebecca Jennings, Emma Lee Jordan, Andrea Pang, Leea Danielle Reese, Sarah Rhodes, Alicia Schulz, Donyelle Tucker, and Wanetah Walmsley.

According to the program for the pageant, the university held its first beauty contest in the 1920s, which was sponsored by NSU's yearbook, the Potpourri. It was not until 1958 that Kahne Dipola was crowned the first Lady of the Bracelet. Since then, a gold bracelet with charms representing past title winners has been passed on to the new winner each year.

Rebecca Jennings, a sophomore theater major, has a routine planned before she goes onstage to compete for the bracelet.

"You go through everything that you are about to do, you take a couple of breaths, then you turn your nervous energy into energy and then you jump ten times before you go onstage," she said.

The competition, which is put together by the Student Activities Board, will have a talent, swimsuit, evening gown, and interview section. The talent division can include talents such as vocal or piano pieces, to baton and flag twirling. Terria Alexander, director of the pageant, said that the interview portion is the most heavily weighted in importance at 40 percent

Leea Reese, a NSU sophomore from Baton Rouge, said that she is most nervous about the bathing suit division. She also said that after being part of the entertainment last year, it will be strange competing.

"I actually was one of the dancers, so it's kind of weird being on the other side," Reese said.

Alexander, and SAB chairman of the pageant, Lauren Stokes, said prizes for the contestants are as follows: The competitor crowned Lady of the Bracelet will receive a one-year full scholarship, free textbooks, a meal plan, a $500 cash scholarship, and a chance to compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant.

First runner-up will be given a one-semester scholarship and a trophy. Second, third, and fourth runners-up will be awarded cash scholarships as well as a trophy.

Miss Congeniality, along with the talent, swimsuit, and evening gown winners will all receive a silver platter.

The People's Choice Award is sponsored by NSU's Alumni Center.

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Airport offers flight training

By Justin Hebert
Staff Writer

The Natchitoches Regional Airport is supporting a program that is educating everyday people about General Aviation.

The Be A Pilot program lets the public to take a general flying course and even allows them to fly the plane on their first lesson.

The airport manager for the Natchitoches Regional Airport Chris Kendrick said, "The Be A Pilot program is an ad campaign to get more people interested in aviation."

The introductory flight lesson costs $49, which is about half the cost of a typical flying lesson.

The lesson lasts for about 45 minutes, and includes learning an overview of the plane, learning to fly the airplane, and even getting on the airplane and flying around Natchitoches. In a short time participants get to hop in the pilot's seat and actually are to taxi the runway, pull back on the controls to take off, and fly the airplane at around 2,500 feet.



Jason Shumake/ The Current Sauce
An airplane is parked at the Natchitoches Regional Airport.

When asked about security against terrorists, "There are security fences all around the perimeter of the airport with barbed wire on top," Kendrick said. "There are also many security gates in which you would need a security code to get through."

"This program has been going on for about the past two years now here in Natchitoches," Kendrick said.

Many people are learning a lot about aviation in the BE A PILOT program and some may even have discovered new career choices in the field of General Aviation, which has been begging for new pilots.

For more information onthe BE A PILOT program call Chris Kendrick at the Natchitoches Regional Airport or visit www.beapilot.com

SGA senators removed

By Elaine Brussard
Managing Editor

The Student Government Association held impeachment hearings Monday for three senators who failed to complete their required duties last semester and voted to remove two of these senators from office..

Sophomore Senator Jerry Whorton, senior Senator Chris Faist and sophomore Senator John Eric Fontenot were placed before the senate for removal hearings because they failed to write two pieces of legislation last semester, which is required for all senators each semester.

Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharmyn Little presided over the hearings.

Speaker of the Senate Zachary Pulliam served as the prosecutor in the hearings.

A two-thirds vote of the entire Senate membership is required to remove a senator from office. There are currently 18 members of the senate. Three senators were absent from Monday's meeting, including Faist and Fontenot. One senator entered the meeting late.

The impeachment hearing for Whorton was held first.

Pulliam said that Whorton had only completed one piece of legislation last semester. However, Pulliam said that Whorton was working on one at the end of the semester but never turned it in.

During the hearing, Whorton was given the opportunity to defend himself.

"It's my fault, nobody else's fault other than mine," Whorton said. "I've got a lot of good ideas, though, and I have been actively working on stuff."

Whorton said he did not wish to be removed, and he planned on serving in the SGA for his last four semesters at Northwestern.

The SGA voted unanimously not to remove Whorton from the senate.

The impeachment hearing for Faist was held next.

Pulliam said that Faist had completed one piece of legislation last semester only by "pure technicality" by cosponsoring a bill that was tabled at the last meeting. Faist did not attend the Jan. 26 meeting, he was not present at the impeachment hearing, and he did not complete his office hours last week, Pulliam said.

Senator Dustin Floyd argued in favor of Faist.

"He is a senior senator. He was elected by the seniors in his class. If we take him away, we are taking away their elected representative," Floyd said.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
Rain	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
56°/41°	46°/30°	50°/29°

Correction:

Last week's article "Physical plant busy with renovations" named Chris Sampite as Director of Plant Services. Sampite is the Director of the Physical Plant.

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ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

1-28-04

3:02 p.m

Tools were stolen from the IM building. Workers were advised to make a list of all that is missing.

1-29-04

A complaint was made regarding a subject trying to sell perfume and bother students in front of Rapides Hall. The cologne salesman was advised of the rules about on-campus selling.

6:05 p.m.

There was a wreck at the intersection of Sam Sibley and South Jefferson.

1-31-04

12: 26 a.m.

A young lady called to report a suspicious male in Dodd Hall parking lot messing with several vehicles. She said he looked like he was trying to break in to them. Police were unable to locate the subject.

Elizabeth Bolt

Campus Connections

Psychology Club

Mandatory meeting Tue., Feb. 10 at 5p.m. in Bienvenue Hall Rm. 305. Those interested in joining should bring a $5 registration fee.

Aids Awareness Seminar

Martin Luther King Jr. Center
700 MLK Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Feb. 21 at 6p.m.
Refreshments will be served

Native American Organization

There will be a Native American Organization forming on campus.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-7116; (318) 357-5309. You can also contact Dr. Gregory at 210 Kyser.

SGA

The SGA will host a mayoral debate Thurs., Feb. 19. E-mail questions for the candidates to www.mayordebate2004@hotmail.com

the CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for **CONNECTIONS**, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

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SGA Minutes

Meeting February 2, 2004

Call to order—7:00pm
Prayer by Kelli Menard
Pledge to the Flag—Alan Sypert

Roll Call
Member Present:
Matt Bartley
Jeff Bergeron
Abby Brocato
Matt Burroughs
Patrick Feller
Dustin Floyd
J. Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Kelli Menard
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Alan Sypert
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Members Absent:
Craig DeSoto
Chris Faist
John Eric Fontenot

Executive Reports—
Treasurer—Beau Boudreaux
No Report

Vice President –Scott Manguno
No Report

President—Greg Comeaux
STAT meeting coming up in the next 2 weeks, revisions will be and need to be made to the policies. Meet with Kelli for COSGA. Please keep the departments working. Its good to make a phone call when you can, but make sure you take it to the appropriate committee.

Commissioner Reports—
Academic Affairs—Mindy McConnell
There will be an African American History class. Jack brought up the idea of an Economic History class. Academic meetings are Mondays at 3p.m.

External Affairs—Patrick Feller
If you want to participate in the SGA Radio show, you MUST attend the External meetings, which are held Tuesdays at 2p.m. A Forum is in the works. We meet Thursdays to talk about Fridays show.

Fiscal Affairs—Beau Boudreaux
Met today at 6:30p.m. Organizational Grants Committee will have the forms available Friday. Next week Fiscal will meet at 6:30 after the Cabinet meeting. In addition, we need another person appointed to Fiscal. Come and talk to Beau.

Internal Affairs—Zach Pulliam
Election Board needs one more person from the SGA. You can serve on the Election Board if you were elected last fall or are not running in the Spring election. See Zach if interested. Next week an Election Board Chair will be up for approval.

Student Affairs—J. Keith Gates
WRAC comments thus far have been good. The final meeting is February 18. Traffic and Parking is next week on Tuesday and Traffic Appeals is next week on Monday. The Mayoral Debate invitations are in. They look good.

Other Reports—
Graduate Student—Dave Gunn (absent)

Advisors Report—Yonna Pasch for Mr. Henry—No report

SAB Report—Shantel Wempren
LOB is this Friday at 7:30pm in A.A. Fredricks. Mike Super the illusionist will be here next Wednesday in the Union Lobby from 11am to 1pm, everyone please stop by!

Supreme Court Report—Chief Justice Sharmyn Little—No report.

Unfinished Business—
Jack moves to remove John Eric Fontenot, Chris Faist, and Jerry Whorton from the Senate. Matt Bartley Seconds.

Zach relinquishes the chair to Sharmyn for Senator Removal Hearings.

Jack moves to remove Jerry Whorton from the senate. Alan seconds. Discussion. Vote by open ballot. Motion fails. Jerry is still on the Senate.

Jack moves to remove Chris Faist from the Senate. Mindy Seconds. Discussion. Vote by open ballot. Motion Fails. Chris is still on the senate

Jack moves to remove John Eric Fontenot from the Senate. Jeff Seconds. Discussion.

Kelli Miller enters the room.

Vote by open ballot. Motion passes. John Eric is removed from the Senate.

Jerry Whorton moves to reconsider the vote to remove Chris Faist from the Senate. Casey seconds. Discussion. Roll Call vote. Motion Passes. The vote will be taken again. Discussion. Vote by open ballot. Motion passes. Chris is removed from the Senate.

Sharmyn relinquishes the chair back to Zach.

New Business—
Speaker Bill Tabled.

Mindy moves to reconsider bill FA03-034, bill on treasurer qualifications. Abby seconds. Discussion. Keith objects to the consideration of the motion. Discussion. Keith withdraws consideration of the motion. Discussion. Mindy resends the motion.

Announcements—
Dave Gunn- Pleased with turnout for Warrior, thanks to the SGA for the opportunity

Dustin—Requests executive office hour logs are placed in Senate folders for next week's meeting. Thanks for the Warrior turnout. Friends of Floyd have formed a presidential exploratory committee.

Greg—Cabinet meeting next week 6:00pm at P.J.s coffee house.

Alan—Good job Patrick on External.

Kelli Miller—Please sign up for Current Sauce blind date.

Jerry—Congrats to all who worked on Warrior project. Thanks for not removing him from office. Stop by Health services and get a key chain/bottle opener.

Patrick—Reminder: If you want to be on the air on Friday's show, you MUST attend the Tuesday at 2p.m. meeting.

LOB FROM PAGE 1

The recipient of this award will be given a cash scholarship and a silver platter.

Alexander, who is also assistant director of student activities and organizations, said that she feels having an annual pageant is important because it builds self-esteem and is a good scholarship program.

Alexander also said Melissa Clark, the current Miss Louisiana, will be master of ceremonies for this year's event.

The NSU Jazz Band, the LOB dancers, tappers, and the Demon Dazzlers will provide entertainment.

Student Activities Board members Richard Lynch and Tyrone Sweet will escort visiting Ladies of the Bracelet within the audience. Onstage, SAB members Michael Johnson and Travis Reams will accompany and assist the contestants, Alexander said.

Five people were selected as judges for the occasion, including Natchitoches' Mayor Wayne McCullen.

All of the contestants have been working on service projects this semester. They made a visit to the Cane River Girls Home, which was sponsored by Les Amies.

In addition, this past Wednesday the participants of LOB partnered with Theta Chi for a project at the Boys and Girls Club, Alexander said.

Admission to the pageant is free for NSU students with a valid ID and $5 for general admission.

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A large pool of mud surrounds the Fitness and Wellness Center construction site Wednesday. The center is slated for completion this fall.

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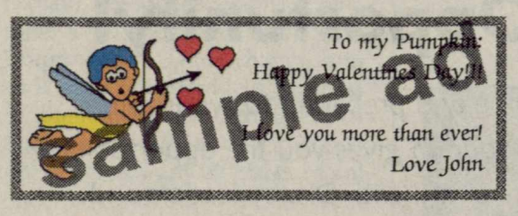
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The ad will run in color and cost $5. It will be approximately 2.5" wide by 1" tall. Ads may not excede more than 5 lines. Clipart is $1 extra. The editor reserves the right to refuse any ad that is in poor taste.

Library director resigns, replacement sought

By Kyle Carter
Staff Writer

Northwestern has set up a committee to start a search for a new director for the library.

The current director, Dennis Tucker, has chosen to leave his position at Northwestern He has made this decision citing family concerns for his withdrawal.

"In part, there are a lot of personal factors at work here," Tucker said. "We've had two sons in Iraq for the past two years, and it has made things very difficult."

Acting Provost Anthony Scheffler has been in charge of the process of getting a replacement for Tucker. Scheffler has set up a committee headed by Dean of the College of Science and Technology Austin Temple to interview possible candidates for the position. Scheffler said that the committee must figure out what needs must be filled by the position and set criteria for the candidates. Then they must place an advertisement for the position to be filled and from that choose the best candidates for the job. Scheffler then decides on a candidate and finally President Randall Webb must okay the new candidate.

"We are searching to find a person to fill that position, and we are looking for the best person for it," said Webb.

Scheffler placed hope on finding a new library director by the fall. He said it will be difficult to find someone before the semester is over.

NSU offers teacher PREP

By Courtney Cavaliere
Staff Writer

Students who will have earned a bachelor's degree by May 31 have the opportunity to apply to NSU's fast-paced alternate teacher certification program, NSU Preparing Responsive Educators Program. The program is busily recruiting applicants for its next session, which will begin in June.

According to the program's brochure, NSU PREP enables people to earn teacher certification in an accelerated format. The program is intended to train and place teachers in 10 local school districts.

NSU PREP Enrollment Coordinator April Matt said NSU PREP has been operative for the past three years. However, the University recently received a grant that initiated her involvement with the program and helped improve recruitment methods.

Matt said the program is designed for people with a bachelor's degree outside of education who have an interest in teaching. She has been recruiting recent college graduates and graduating seniors, both at NSU and in surrounding cities. She is also approaching people within the community, including mid-career changers, home-workers, and retirees.

"We're looking for people who just want to make a difference in their community," Matt said. "I feel that teaching is a noble profession. What we're trying to do is increase teacher quality and, by doing so, increase student achievement."

Linda Easley Roach, Program Contact for Alternate Certification Programs, said that NSU PREP is one of three alternate certification programs at NSU. She said NSU PREP's accelerated pace is often what attracts applicants to the program.

Although NSU PREP participants may choose to teach various subjects and at different levels, Matt said that the program is interested in satisfying under-staffed teaching positions.

"In north central Louisiana, the high-need, hard-to-fill areas are math, science, middle school and special ed," Matt said.

Roach said that most participants specialize in the same area in which they received their bachelor's degree. However, students have the opportunity to concentrate within any subject offered by the program.

Roach said that NSU PREP participants attend three summer classes, then complete a paid internship and take three hours of coursework during both the fall and spring semesters. Participants receive their certification at the conclusion of the spring semester.

Roach described NSU PREP as a challenging and fast-paced program.

"The classes are very intense," she said. "We address the same content and same material that is ordinarily addressed across a full semester of class time."

Requirements for entering the program include a bachelor's degree by May 31, a minimum overall GPA of 2.5, and passing scores on the Praxis I and Praxis II Subject Area tests. Applicants must also supply a resume, cover letter, three official college transcripts, and complete applications for both NSU PREP and NSU's graduate school. The application deadline is March 31.

"It's a very competitive program to get into," Matt said. "The application process isn't easy, and if you can get through it, you can be a good teacher."

The application process, meanwhile, is only the first step toward entering the program. Roach stressed that participants must also acquire a letter of intent to hire before starting summer coursework. This document, which acts as a contract between a school district and an NSU PREP participant, specifies the terms of the eventual internship. Students are not officially admitted into the program until they have obtained this letter, which is due the Friday before the first summer class.

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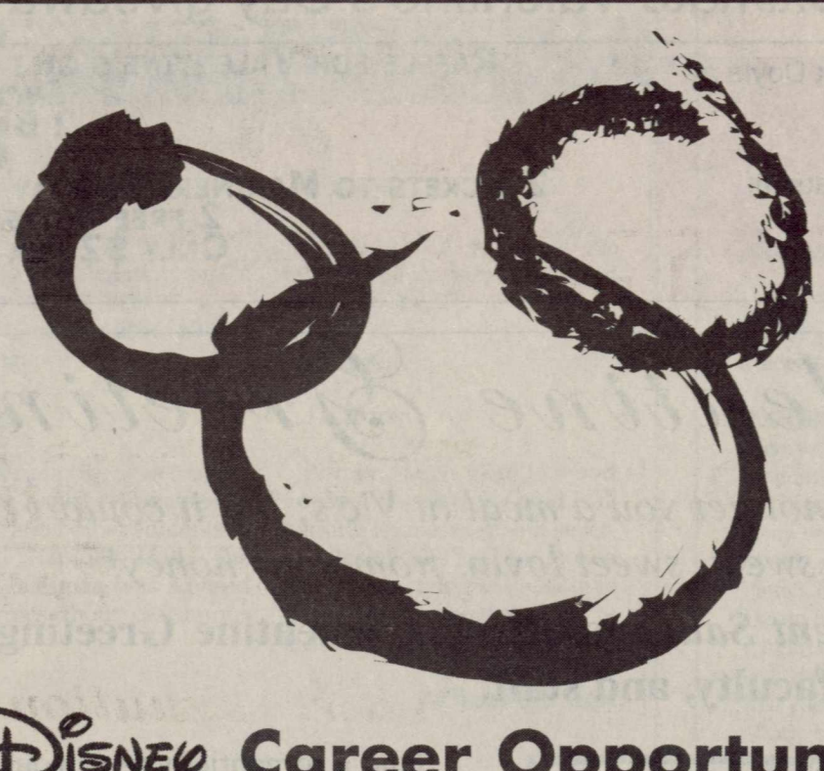


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Burke said any policy formed by the subcommittee must ensure that student athletes, especially freshmen and sophomores, are not denied access to classes they must take to meet continuing eligibility standards, which require students to complete a certain percentage of their degree program by their third, fourth and fifth years of study.

"This is an issue with certification," Burke said. "How do we ensure that a freshman student athlete is getting into the classes he or she needs to get into so they maintain continuing eligibility?"

NSU's athletic programs could lose their NCAA certification, and student athletes could lose their eligibility, if there is no policy ensuring that student athletes can register for necessary classes at times that do not conflict with sport practice and other athletic responsibilities, Burke said.

To NSU's athletic department, a lack of such certification would be equivalent to an academic department losing its accreditation, Burke said. An uncertified program may be unable to participate in NCAA team and individual championships, lose NCAA funding, and be viewed as substandard compared to certified programs when recruiting students and applying for conference membership.

On Monday, Scheffler said since the existing policy is already in place at the University and approved by the NCAA, there will be no change unless the subcommittee comes up with a new policy that is similarly approved. He said if the subcommittee cannot create a new policy, the existing early registration policy would stand.

He emphasized that keeping the athletic programs certified is a chief concern of the subcommittee.

Scheffler said on Monday that the subcommittee or council could solicit students' input on ideas formed by the subcommittee. However, no students were present for the subcommittee meeting.

Nonetheless, Rushing said that he was confident both faculty and student concerns were addressed.

"While there weren't any students present at the meeting, I was there campaigning on their behalf," Rushing said.

Rushing said the Tuesday meeting may be the subcommittee's last, but added that it may end up having to regroup on some "management issues." He declined to specify what those issues may be or what would specifically cause the subcommittee to meet again.

Burke said that in December 2002 an NCAA peer review team took issue with the University for offering student athletes inadequate assistance in registering for necessary classes. Problems with registration limited some of NSU's about 300 student athletes' ability to meet continuing eligibility goals.

Students who do not meet such goals are declared ineligible for competition in any NCAA-sanctioned sport.

Burke said the team, consisting of administrators and faculty representatives from other universities, did not suggest or dictate a solution to the issue.

"They identified an issue, and we have to respond to that issue satisfactorily," Burke said.

After consulting other universities, the athletic department proposed the current early registration policy in January 2003.

SGA FROM PAGE 1

Senator Alan Sypert said,"He's taking up a space in our quorum. If he's not going to be here to represent the seniors who elected him, we need to replace him with someone else."

Three senators voted to keep Faist in the senate, ten senators voted to remove him, and one senator abstained from the vote. However, because four senators were absent during the vote, there were not enough votes to fulfill the two-thirds requirement needed to remove a senator. The motion failed.

Then, the impeachment hearing for Fontenot began.

Pulliam said that Fontenot had only completed one piece of legislation last semester, he had not attended the Jan. 26 meeting, and he did not complete his office hours last week.

On Nov. 3 Fontenot was placed before the senate for a removal hearing for not completing his required office hours. The senate voted to keep Fontenot in office.

During the Fontenot hearing, Senator Keith Gates said, "I understand that he hasn't done everything that he could have done, but it seems to me that it would be unfair for us to impeach him and not impeach everybody else who hasn't done what they should have done."

Senator Jack Halford said, "Failing to show up to talk to us not only shows lack of respect for us as a body, it also shows a lack of respect for the people who elected them. To leave them in a position in which they are not performing makes no sense, and to not bring them up for impeachment shirks our own duty to make sure that we have quality people within."

Two senators voted to keep Fontenot in the senate and 13 voted to remove him. The motion passed, and Fontenot was removed from the senate.

At this point, a motion was made to reconsider the vote on the Faist hearing. This motion passed one to 14.

The second vote to remove Faist passed by a two to 13 vote, and Faist was removed from the senate.

Whorton, Faist and Fontenot were elected to the SGA in the fall elections.

One piece of legislation was tabled, and it will be discussed at the next SGA meeting. It is a bill proposing to require the speaker of the senate to send all pieces of legislation to an applicable committee for review before it is placed on the agenda of the SGA meetings.

The SGA will sponsor a mayoral debate Thurs., Feb. 19.

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Staff editorial

Point/ counterpoint:

Should gay marriage be legal?

Point

By Robert Tummons
Copy Editor

There are certain things that just are not meant to be, and one of them is the legalization of same-sex marriages.

The homosexual lifestyle has become more and more accepted as it branches out into mainstream media. However, homosexuality is not a natural activity. Debates fuel over whether or not homosexuality is in the genes, but a more simple explanation may be that homosexuality is a result of people avoiding the difficulties of bonding with the opposite sex and more easily identifying with their own gender.

The Bible also denounces the practice in Deuteronomy, and more specifically in Romans 1:27-28, but even if I don't refer to biblical citations, the act of sex is for procreation, and two males or two females do not produce offspring.

Yes, some people make the point that it is people's prerogative to do what they want with whomever they want, as long as it does not interfere with their own lives, but it would be wrong to give legal rights to a practice that is both against nature and the Bible. Giving legal rights to same-sex marriages would alter insurance policies, question other marriages such as human and animal unions, and affect the guidelines for adoption, potentially allowing same-sex unions to rear adopted children.

I'm sorry, but I wouldn't want any child reared by two men or two women. Wouldn't that be oxymoronic, to have a set of parents that cannot physically represent a biological union take care of a child?

No, same-sex marriages should not be legalized…it's too bad that Massachusetts has opened its doors for this practice.

Counterpoint

By Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

Bravo! I applaud Massachusetts's decision to legalize same-sex marriages. It is about time that a high legislative body moves towards social progress in our country. In my opinion, this is the best thing to happen since the Supreme Court killed the Texas ban on sodomy in June.

I would just like to point out that this issue is not at all centered on why homosexuality exists and what "causes" it. The real issue is that homosexuals exist, they are real, and they have places in society that should equal everyone else's. They live and love just like everyone else regardless of how "unnatural" people may think their lifestyles are.

I do not accept arguments opposing same-sex marriages that cite Biblical laws and quotes. Whether one is religious or not, it is undeniable that the Bible is an ancient document. Isn't it possible that even the Bible can be outdated in proportion to the changing of the times?

Yes, insurance policies and adoption guidelines will change! So what! This is the type of change called *progress*. What is so terribly wrong with children being reared in unconventional settings? The result might be a new generation that will be more open-minded and socially tolerant.

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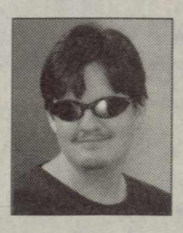
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Crucifying Creationism



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

Recently Georgia has decided to remove the term "evolution" from its biology coursework and replace it with the more politically correct term "biological change over time." They say they do this in response to the buzzword status evolution has achieved as a controversy provoker. So of course I have to write about it.

Now, this first part doesn't bug me too much; I can understand the need to get re-elected by placating the Bible Belt. A change in terminology isn't such a big deal, and the theory is what's important. When these kids get out of Georgia's public school system, they'll learn that all that "biological change" stuff they were taught was simplified evolution (if they didn't equate the two already thanks to all the news coverage). The thing that really makes me wish it wasn't illegal to nail dead pets to school board members' doors as warnings, however, is the fact that they want intelligent design taught alongside this watered-down evolution as *equally valid*.

Listen closely: If you are a creationist, you are wrong. We know the mechanism (genetics), we know the method (meiosis, in us), and we're learning the specifics. We see evolution in action every damn flu season. But evolution is not a substitute for god; it just provides a mechanism for one of the events we invented him to explain. Evolution has no intent, there is no end point, there is no "improvement", only change, and so it does not provide a compass for the human race. I think evolution's value is its neutrality, its failure to provide any ethical or moral code beyond survival, is what turns causes a lot of people to reject a powerful, fundamental theory of biology. They reject facts because they confuse the function of evolution (providing an explanation for spontaneous generation of increasingly complex order from chaos) with that of god (providing an independent, unassailable authority for moral guidance).

This is yet another case of lazy American parents trying to legislate their duties as parents; if you want your child to understand that you disagree with evolution, tell him, and stop shoving your ignorance down the public throat.

Apparently not many of you have anything to say; nobody's been talking to me at SauceFiller@hotmail.com.

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A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

A dirty situation



By Shantel M. Wempren

So I was driving down the street and all of a sudden I saw a hand reach out of the sewer. It sounds like the beginning of a really stupid horror movie but it really happened. Read on:

I did what I always do when I see hands sticking out of the sewer; (provided there are no "Men at Work" signs present) I pulled over. I got out of my car and ran back to the sewer where the hand was reaching out again. This is the kicker. This is when it either gets really good or really bad at the movie theatre. Do we keep watching or do we leave for pop corn?

I wasn't sure if I was about to play witness to something horrible or not, but I got down on my knees to discover a kid in a camouflage jacket with a scratched face. "Are you ok?"

He looked surprised to see me. "Yes ma'am."

Are you sure you're ok? Did you fall in? Your face is scratched up."

"I'm ok. I fell while I was in here," replied the boy with scratches in the sewer.

"How in the hell did you get in there anyway?"

"There was an opening," he said as if it were normal to be in the sewer.

"Are you sure you're ok?"

"Yep."

I asked him what he was reaching for and he pointed at a rock so I gave it to him. My final advice to him was to be careful not to have his little hand run over and then I walked back to my car and resumed my journey.

Whatever happened to playing in trees?

It's good that kids are playing outside and even better that they are not in the streets where they can be run over by a maniac driver or worse a cautious one. But do we want our children to play in sewers where there is a chance that they could catch some horrible disease or be bitten by a rabid rat? I guess he could do worse.

Shantel M. Wempren is a NSU freshman. Her column appears each week on the editorial page. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

Letters to the Editor

Floyd responds to Warrior

I would like to begin my letter by offering sincere thanks to everyone who helped last weeks Warrior lecture to be the success it was. Specifically I wish to thank my fellow Senators who voted for my legislation that provided the funding, the Current Sauce for its fair and accurate coverage, and most importantly the students who took time from their busy schedules to attend the lecture. Without the participation of all those mentioned, the event would not have been a success.

One of the most exciting aspects of the event was being able to see many students at the lecture who have not ever been to another campus event. I was afforded the opportunity to visit with several such students before and after the lecture, and they provided me with invaluable feedback. It was a conversation with a group of such students that got me to start thinking more about my political future, in regards to campus politics.

In the course of the conversation, the students told me that they appreciated my effort in bringing the Warrior to campus and felt as though many times their opinion is not asked for or respected. Those feelings really resonated with me. I started contemplating my career and what direction I would take in the future.

I have served the students of this University as a SGA Senator for 5 years now. In all that time, one common theme that I have tried to uphold is that the will of the students be done. You can see that in my legislation I have authored, and with the causes I have championed, such as efforts to increase student parking, offer added student services, provide more student representation on University committees, and most importantly reduce student fees.

I spoke about my future with a select group of friends and fellow students. All were in agreement; we cannot give up the fight on behalf of the everyday student. We cannot give up on the student who feels over-charged, under-represented, and generally cynical about the power of student government. It is for those students, that I have asked my friend, former Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court, Justin Owen to chair the Friends of Floyd SGA Presidential Exploratory Committee. Over the course of the next month he, and a group of my advisors will investigate the possibility of my again running for the position of President of the SGA. They will be talking to students all over campus to get their opinion on the subject. They are also in the process of setting up a special website to gather feedback (which of course will be linked from www.dustinfloyd.com .)

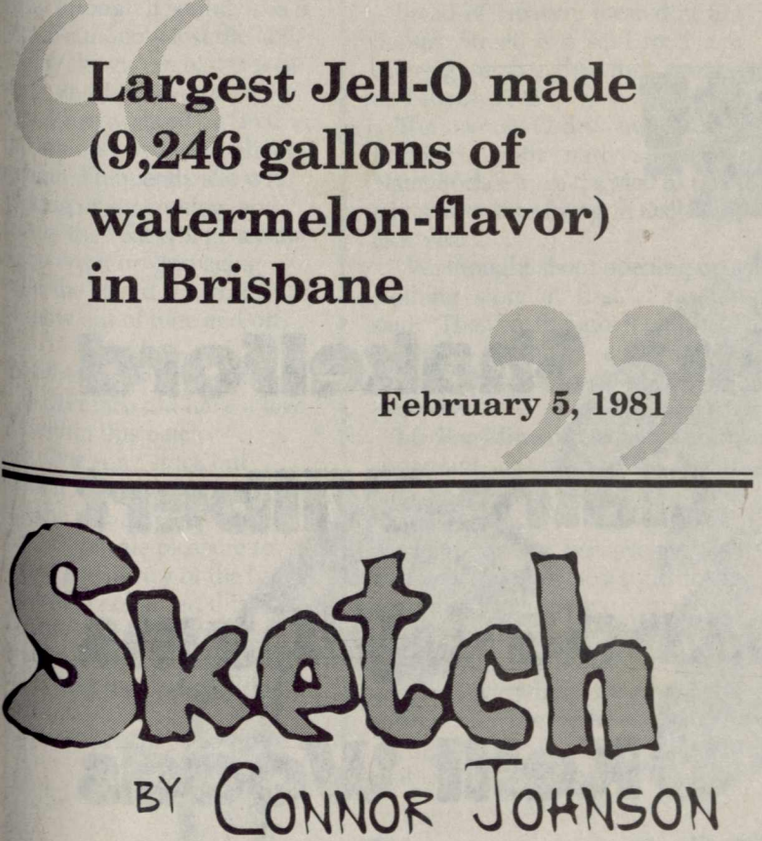
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With sincerest thanks,

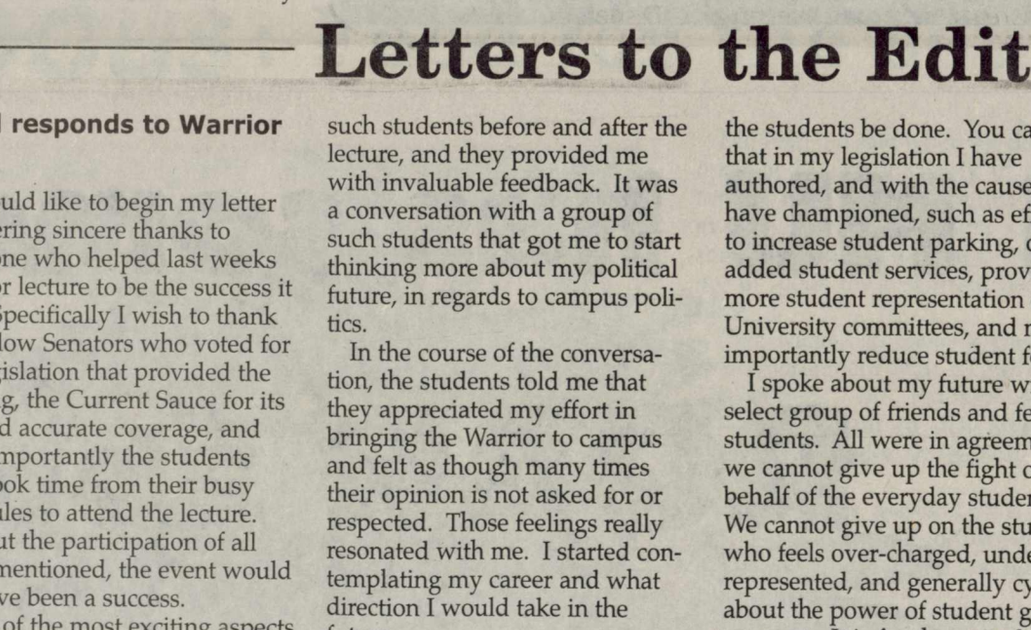
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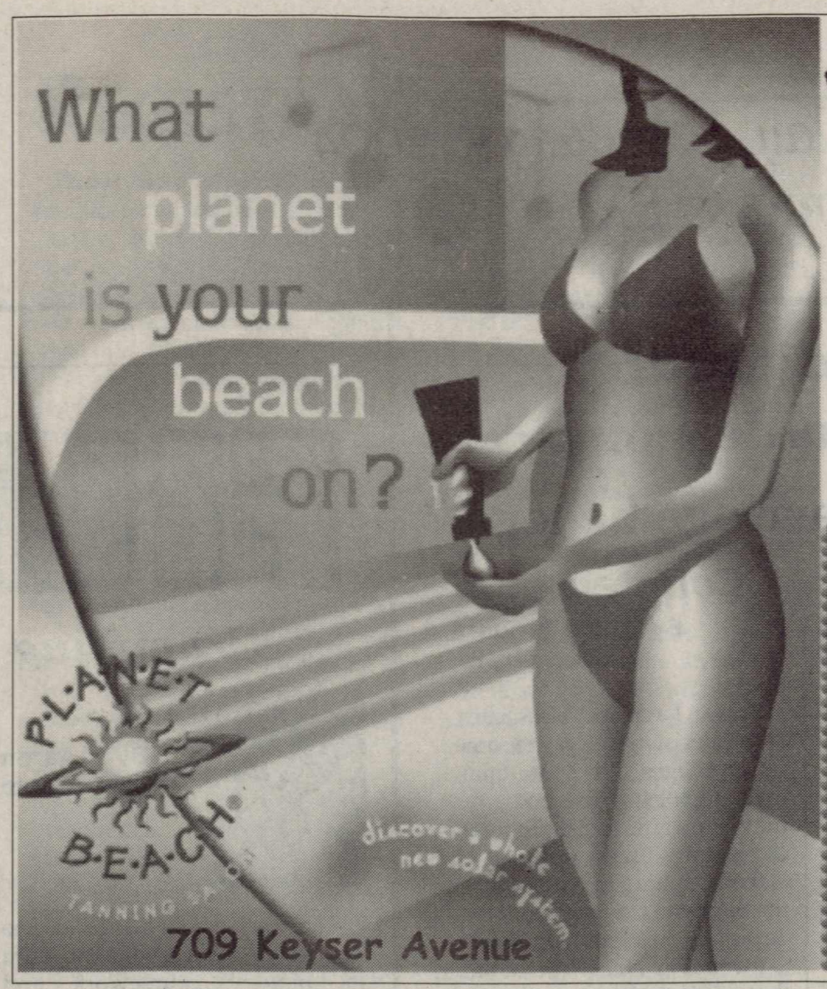
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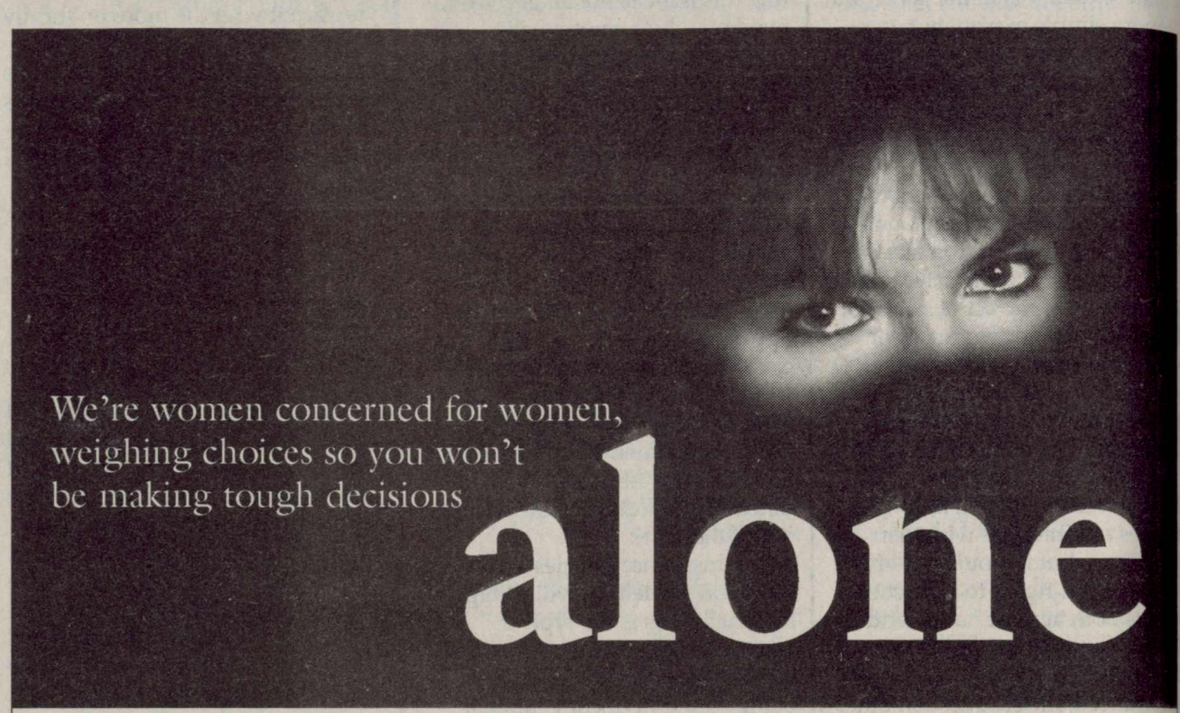
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A DiFranco disaster

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Folk singer Ani DiFranco's newest CD is disappointing and harsh, to say the least. If anything, the artwork in the liner notes is more worthy of a fan's money than the actual music is.

Educated Guess is a combination of songs and spoken poetry, with a few extra poems added to the liner notes that do not appear on the album itself. The album as a whole has a bohemian, homey feel to it – which is fine since it was written, sung and mixed by DiFranco in her home.

However, the beginning of the CD is a huge letdown. Lyrically the songs are genius, pure poetry. But when DiFranco puts them to her style of music and amateurish guitar picking, they become more noise than actual music.

DiFranco's first audio track, "Swim", is painful to listen to. There is an attempt to use dissonance, but the endeavors were more like illegal experimentations gone horribly wrong. The song comes out as a clash of noises that assault the ears.

"Educated Guess" and "Origami" could have been great tracks, but DiFranco added in background vocals, also done by her. The background vocals are too high pitched for the melody she attempting and winds up ruining the song.

It also makes her sound like a foreigner who does not yet have a grasp of the English language.

Her guitar playing is also lacking. During "Company," the song started off well, but halfway through it sounded as if DiFranco suddenly lost the ability to play the guitar. Notes were missing, and I believe she invented a new chord or two.

This style is used throughout the album. Frequently she will be picking or strumming, and suddenly the beat will go askew and you wind up grimacing because the sound is awful, as if she is now out of tune and off-beat.

The album wasn't an entire flop as DiFranco did have a few gems within this patch of weeds. One song stuck out because it was different from the rest of the album. "Clip Clop Clack" was a true pleasure to listen to. The poetry of the lyrics was actually enhanced this time by her musical composition. This song had a bluesy-jazz feeling to it, and the background

Disaster, see page 8



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The LOB 1958 to 1982 bracelet rests in Watson Library. The retired bracelet is located on the third floor of the library.

A link to the past

Bracelet has unique history going back to the 1950s

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Everyone at Northwestern has probably heard about the Lady of the Bracelet pageant.

In addition to a crown, the winner receives a bracelet. What people probably do not know is the bracelet has a unique history and has been around for quite some time.

The first Lady of the Bracelet pageant was held in the 1920s, but the well-known bracelet did not come about until 1958. With the crowning of Kahne Dipola, NSU's Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant came to be.

The bracelet is made of solid gold and bears gold circular charms. Each charm holds the name of the winner and the year that she won.

The bracelet is passed on from year to year and is worn by the queen when she is representing the university.

Rebecca Jennings, a contestant in this year's pageant, said if she won, she would want to keep the bracelet secure.

"I'm sure I'd put it out on our TV for a while, but then I'd probably put it in the safe," Jennings said.

Leea Reese, another LOB participator, said she had heard the bracelet was "big and heavy." That assumption is correct.

The bracelet is solid gold with over forty gold charms.

Due to the weight of the gold, the Student Activities Board contacted NSU's archives hoping to retire the bracelet.

After recovering lost charms, the bracelet was archived. The charms on the retired bracelet start from 1958, and go to the year 1982. The retired bracelet can be viewed at Watson Library.

The current bracelet, which will be given to the winner of this year's competition, holds the charms from 1983-on.

The titleholder of Miss Lady of the Bracelet is given a choice of what charm will represent her. The Student Activities Board, which sponsors the pageant, pays for the charm.

Terria Alexander, director of the pageant said, "The past four years, the girls have just chosen to get us to purchase them, so the ones that I've purchased all look the same. But they are given the choice."

The bracelet, which represents the winner of the pageant, has also grown to represent years of NSU's history.

Black Focus: Food for the soul

By Tasha N. Braggs
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Gumbo, lasagna, chicken and green beans are just a few of the entrees prepared at this local Natchitoches restaurant.

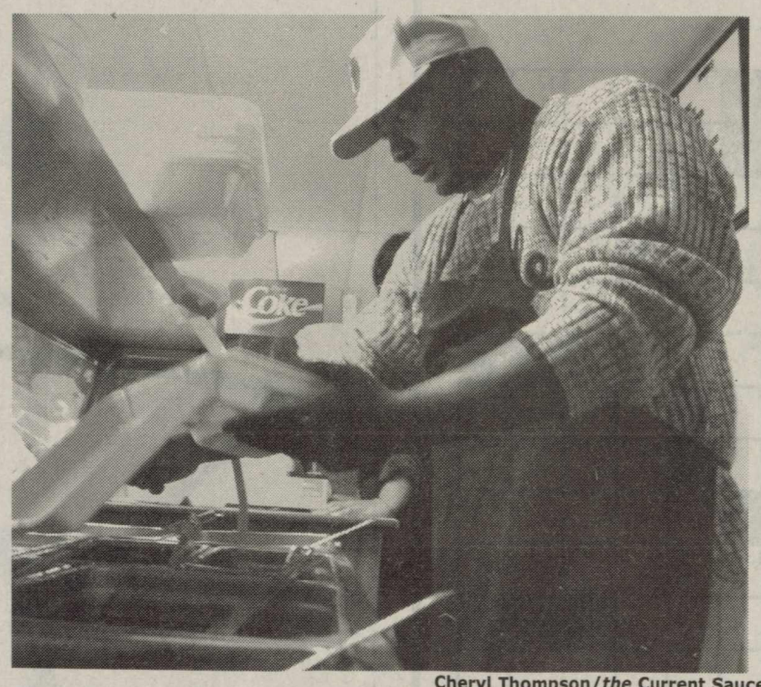
Bread of Heaven, located at 621 Bossier Street, is a soul food and catering service that first opened on Feb. 24, 2003.

The owners Cedric and Katrina Franklin, both natives of the Natchitoches area, decided to open a business after living in Dallas for four years.

"We thought about opening up a clothing store at first," Franklin said. "Then we thought it would be better to open up a restaurant because people would buy food everyday."

Mr. Franklin said the name of the restaurant was taken from a ministry he and his wife were going to start in Dallas. He said the name was appropriate because her felt that cooking was God's gift to his family.

"Soul food is cooking from the heart," Mr. Franklin said. "It is cooking everything fresh and not processed. The name is basically saying that the food tastes so good that it came from heaven."



Cheryl Thompson/*the* Current Sauce

Cedric Franklin prepares a plate for a customer during the lunch time rush.

A typical day for the restaurant begins at 6 a.m. to prepare such foods as roasts, steaks and other beef products.

Mr. Franklin said the early preparation is to ensure that the meats are seasoned and cooked well.

Other foods such as mashed potatoes, okra, lima beans and desserts are prepared as side dishes to serve to the public at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Franklin said she assists her husband with everything including cooking, serving and cleaning. The Franklins also have a several family members and friends to assist them with the

"I feel really blessed to be in business," Mrs. Franklin said.

Mr. Franklin said when the doors open at 11 a.m. a variety of customers from the community, and even as far as Houston, come through the doors to enjoy the variety of foods the restaurant has to offer.

"We wanted to create a smoke-free environment with a Christian atmosphere," Mr. Franklin said. "We don't want to discriminate against race, color or religion; we welcome all."

Marcus Jones, assistant professor of business law at Northwestern, enjoys his lunch at the restaurant twice a week.

"My favorite is the baked chicken and red beans and rice," Jones said. "The atmosphere is very nice, quite and clean. The owners are also very friendly."

The Franklins said in the future they hope to set up a discount program for students and other professors like Jones and extend their hours of operation. They also plan to set up a hot meals program for children after school.

"The food is great and it kind of reminds you of home," senior journalism major Quantia Mills said. "It is not expensive and the employees treat you like your grandmother or mom."

Testing Zone 103: A guide for the GMAT

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For business students who plan to further their education beyond the bachelor's degree level, the Graduate Management Admission Test will be in their future.

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Previously, the Graduate Record Examinations, also known as GRE, was the only requirement for business graduate programs. Now GMAT is the pre-requisite, although some graduate programs still accept only GRE. Many other graduate programs, such as English or history programs, accept GRE due to the test's broad content.

The GMAT consists of three timed sections.

The first section of the exam is analytical writing. During this section, students are given two essay topics in which they have 30 minutes per topic to respond.

The next section is the quantitative section. This section measures the understanding of elementary concepts and basic math skills.

According to the GMAT Informational Bulletin, the quantitative section also measures students' abilities to reason quantitatively, in problem solving, and to interpret graphic data. The quantitative section contains 37 questions and is given 75 minutes to take.

The last portion of the GMAT is the verbal section. This section measures students' abilities to read and comprehend written material, to evaluate arguments, and to correct material that contains errors, according to the GMAT Informational Bulletin. The verbal section is made up of 41 questions and is also given 75 minutes to take.

Dean of the College of Business, Joel Worley, appreciates what the test stands for, as it does not focus on students' previous work.

"It is a measure of that student's ability rather than their past performances," Worley said when comparing GMAT to tests such as the ACT.

Preparing for the GMAT does not require anything additional other than the education received from grade school through college.

"Do very well in first and second grade," was Worley's advice for preparing for GMAT.

Worley also encouraged takers of the GMAT to enroll in calculus courses, which, he believes, will help them in the quantitative section.

Susan Nealy, program coordinator of Northwestern's Carl D. Perkins Programs, took the exam and found other means for preparation.

The NSU alumna said that taking practice tests helped her to prepare for the GMAT.

How to prepare

Several preparatory books featuring practice exams can be found at the Campus Bookstore. The prices range from $13.95-39.95. Many of the more expensive books come with CD-ROMS that have additional material to help prepare for the test.

Other GMAT test samples may be found at the test's web site, at www.mba. com.

The GMAT is administered at the Prometric Testing Center, an associate of Sylvan Learning Center. The nearest location is in Bossier City on Viking Drive.

The GMAT is computerized and requires minimal computer skills for completion.

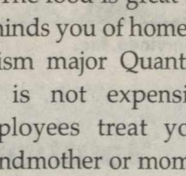
According to the Sylvan Learning Center, the registration fees for the GMAT is $225.

Scheduling for testing appointments can be done within a few days of the test date, and may be done by mail, phone, fax or online.

The test is given year-round.

Students do not need to bring anything to the exam. Pencils and scratch paper will be supplied, according to the Sylvan Learning Center.

The GMAT Informational Bulletin can be found at the Testing Center in Room 306 in the Student Union.



Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



Beauty Q & A

Well, one week has passed and there was quite a surfeit of beauty questions in my mailbox. However, I received a few surprises on Sunday evening and I thought that I would share with you a few beauty questions and what I believe are the best ways to help these folks out. Just so you know I have left the names out to protect the innocent.

Q. **After a hard night of partying, my eyes look tired, dazed, and dead. How can I prevent this awful morning-after look and what can I do in the morning to make me look better?**

A. If you want to keep your peepers from looking like something from "Tales from the Crypt" here are a few simple steps that might help you feel more like a living, breathing human. The first thing you should do when you return from the club (or party) is to stick two large spoons in the freezer, go shower, and get ready for some rest. Before climbing into bed, get the spoons from the freezer and place one on each eye (bottom down). Leave the spoons on your eyes for 30 minutes. Then get a good nights rest.

In the morning, put a damp washcloth in the freezer for 10 minutes; then place the cloth on your face and gently press it onto the skin beneath your eyes. Then apply a deep moisturizer and apply a soothing/cooling gel. After it has all dried, apply a neutral concealer (preferably one with yellow undertones), and apply the rest of your daily makeup.

A little pointer, iridescent eyeshadow in the corners of your eyes will make your peepers look alive and sparkling.

Q. **What do I do to make my pasty white winter complexion not look horrible in the middle of winter?**

A. Pasty-White Syndrome is quite common during winter time. However, it can be easily remedied. All you need are:

-A neutral foundation
-Cream/powder bronzer or peach shimmer blush
-Shimmering Crème Eye Shadow
-Dark eyeliner (black or dark brown)
-Black mascara
-Peach Lip gloss or a peach frost lipstick

Apply your foundation lightly and evenly with an angled makeup sponge and then use a large powder brush to apply your bronzer or blush on the apples of your cheeks. The bronzer will give your face that "just got back from Rio" glow without giving the impression of a fake-bake tanning salon flush. Then dab your shimmering eye shadow on your lids, focusing on the corners of your eyes and your brow bone. Then line your eyes and curl and coat your lashes.

The finishing touch is to put a glaze of peach gloss upon your pouter for the day, or a peach frost for the evening. The combination of these products on your already beautiful face will liven up that hibernating glow from within and perk up your pasty white complexion.

Q. **What types of highlights for hair complement tan skin tones?**

A. Nowadays, more and more tan people seem to be getting copper, bronze, and honey colored highlights. These colors work best with your skin tone because it gives the appearance that your skin is gleaming. Chunky highlights also seem to be the new IN thing. HINT: Ask your stylist to give you chunky highlights and lowlights if you want a multi-faceted hair tint. This effect will make your tresses look uniquely sun-kissed and fun.

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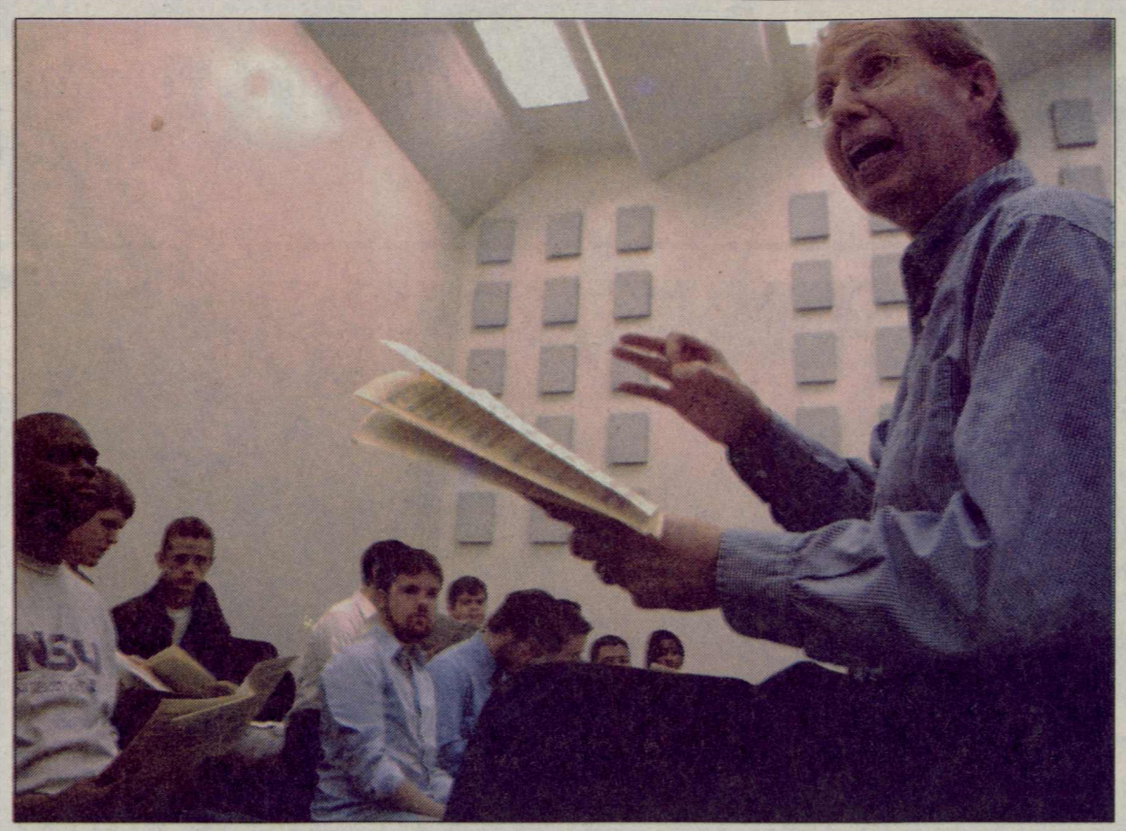
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Music is in the air

Burt Allen instructs the choir for the up coming NSU musical "Cabaret". The show is scheduled for March 18-21 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

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vocals supplemented it well.

"Animal" is also one of the better songs on the CD. It was a pleasant song without the experimenting, and sounded more like an unplugged set – an intimate setting with a few fans.

My favorite, though, was "Grand Canyon," which is actually a long poem spoken with DiFranco strumming lightly in the background when she felt like it. It flowed smoothly, and the message and imagery of the track is pure and positive as DiFranco talks about the newest revolution for men and women, and her respect for those who gave their all for the future men and women in the country.

The track contains my new favorite lyric of all time, "coolest f-word ever… feminism."

While *Educated Guess* has a few shining moments, overall the CD isn't even worthy of a second go-round in the stereo. The album is more like musical hell – you start off in pain, get a ray of hope, and then have it smashed to pieces as you hold your ears and plead for the player to "make it stop!"

Correction:

Tobi Guedry was incorrectly classified as a sophomore instead of a senior in last weeks Q&A.

Poetry in Motion:Locals share their work

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William Wordsworth wrote so eloquently in his poem, "Personal Talk"," Blessings be with them, and eternal praise, Who gave us nobler loves, and nobler cares! - The Poets, who on earth have made us heirs, Of truth and pure delight by heavenly lays."

Senior english majors Thomas Parrie and Tish Felts have Wordsworth's appreciation of this art and have organized readings for local poets and writers to express themselves.

On Wednesday, about 25 people gathered at The Book Merchant, locted on Front Street, to read or just listen to original poetry.

Thursday had a larger, more vocal turnout at Cane River Roasters, also known as the "Tin Cup Café" in an annex of The Tin House Restaurant.



Original poems about love, family, anger and basic curiosities of life were read by local and aspiring writers, including Northwestern students.

Parrie and Felts said that anyone is welcome to participate who is willing to express what Parrie calls "the very human art of writing."

"It is a service to anyone who wants to make a connection with another artist, another writer," Parrie said. "The worst that could happen is you get better."

"There's not really an outlet in Natchitoches for poetry so we decided to create one of our own," Felts said.

Those who attended the Wednesday and Thursday readings were excited about the opportunity to read their works.

"It's fabulous. It's about time Natchitoches gets an outlet for artists," said Jessica Troske, a recent journalism graduate from NSU.

"I've been writing poetry since I was 11," said Stoney Brown, a freshman general studies major. "I've been looking for something like this for a long time."

The Book Merchant and Cane River Roasters aren't officially sponsoring the readings but are glad to provide the space for it.

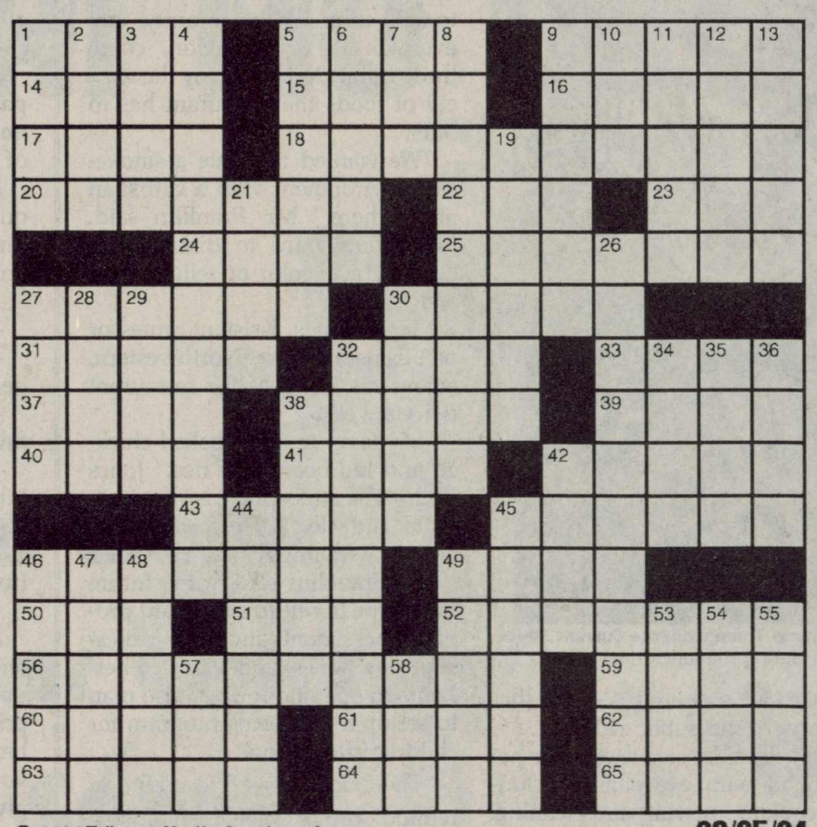
Joe Calabria, or "Rock-o", a local hairdresser, painter, poet and musician, encouraged Parrie and Felts to have their readings at Cane River Roasters. "I heard Tish had a group starting up, so I told them to come and do it at the café," Calabria said.

Catherine Morrison, owner and operator of Cane River Roasters and wife of Calabria, said that she was glad to provide the space. "I'm happy to provide a venue for them. I think it's important to a college town," Morrison said.

Fiction, non-fiction and poetry are welcome to be read in front of a live audience every Thursday at Cane River Roasters in the Tin House Restaurant at 6 p.m.

Readings will also be held once a month at The Book Merchant, but a day and time has yet to be decided.

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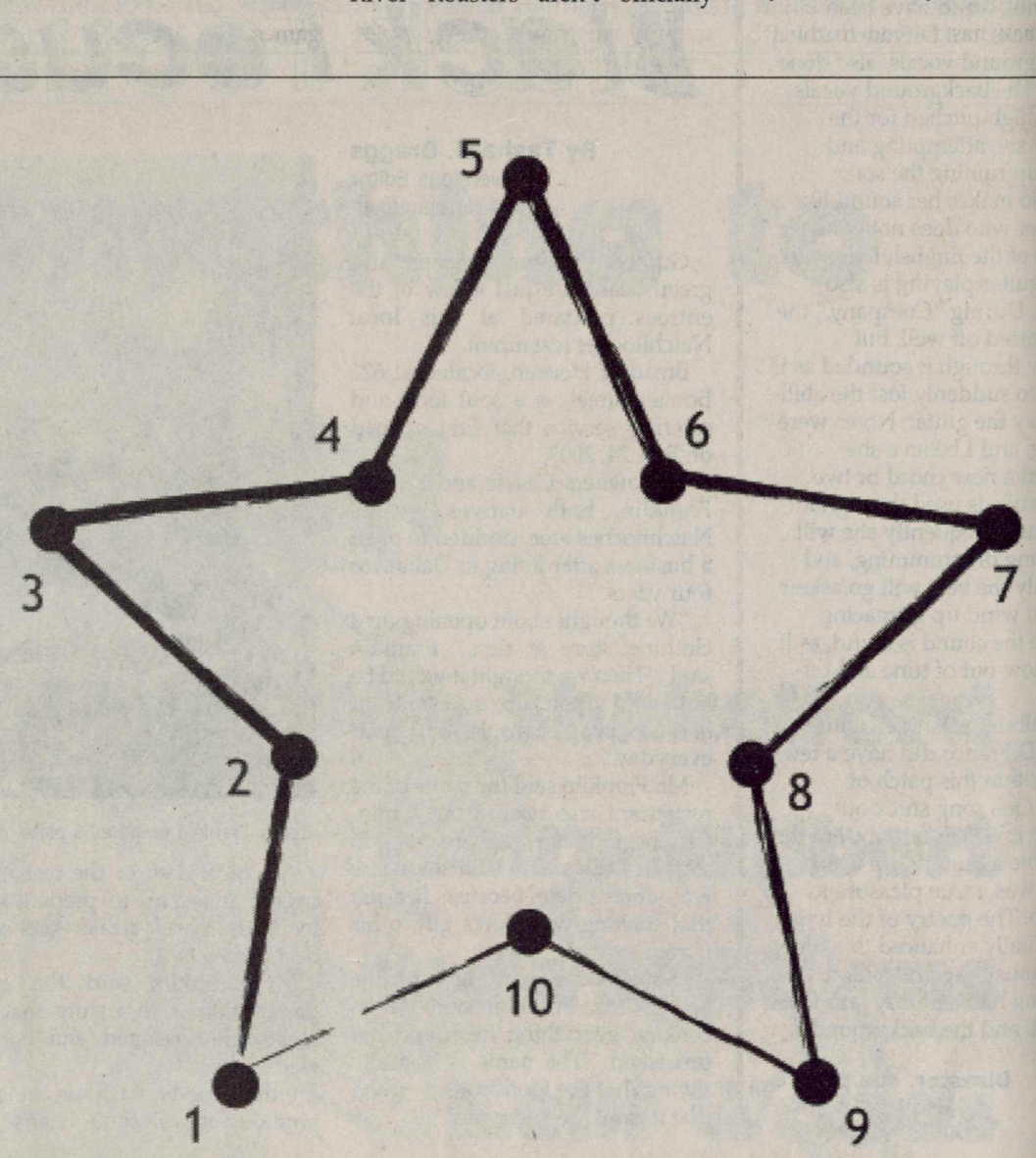
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Sandy HS, Texas and Tyler Cheramie, fullback-tight end from South Lafourche, La.

Varnado had 61 receptions for 1,222 yards and 20 touchdowns with 81 tackles and eight interceptions on defense while Cheramie had 22 receptions for 450 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Stoker said Johnson was a mix between running backs Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson while Seastrunk is an athletic tight end with a big body. Stoker also said Cheramie is an athletic player that is mean on the field with great hands.

Coach Stoker said that NSU is successful at recruiting because each coach has 80 or 90 schools to cover, which is a lot of areas covered futher aided by connections.

"Recruiting is a lot of hard work and getting on the phone and making calls," Stoker said. "Plus, Alumni gives us a lot of leads and that helps us out"

Stoker said the staff never stops recruiting and they are looking for a deep snapper. He also said that the starting quarterback should be either Connor Morel or Davon Vinson and that the quarterback has to play better, especially with the talent around him.

Stoker finished the luncheon by saying that the strongest area for the Demons is defensive linemen and that NSU's schedule should be finalized in the upcoming weeks.

"We had a good year recruiting and we will know when these kids play in two to three years," Stoker said.

NSU wins with defense

By Warren Hayes
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The Northwestern State Lady Demons won their eighth straight conference game and remain undefeated after they slipped past preseason favorites Texas State 63-62.

The Demons opened the first half with a slow start Saturday at Prather Coliseum. Diamond Cosby remained 1-4 from inside the 3-point line, but made a giant contribution, when she put the crowd into frenzy with the first 3-pointer of the game. Texas State was held to only seven points.

"We started kind of sluggish," La'Terrica Dobin said. "We eventually picked up the pace."

Late in the first half, the Demons showed more effort as players improved their scoring and Cosby and Bennett became the team leaders. Cosby hit two baseline jumpers and two 3-pointers. Amanda Bennett contributed two points and a 3-pointer to make the score 11-21. Texas player Christen West challenged the Demons as she went 6-7 from inside the key, and contributed five 3-pointers to end the first quarter 32-29 in favor of the Bobcats.

As the second half opened, both teams played with stronger defense, as Dobin scored two points off a turnover, and Swanigana scored a technical foul shot. Bennett contributed four 3-pointers to give the Demons the lead 59-53.

With 10 minutes left on the clock, the momentum shifted in Texas State's favor as the Lady Demons had trouble scoring. The Lady Demons missed seven of 11 shot attempts. The Bobcats defense proved to be a major factor in the games ending.

"We had trouble getting around the boards," said Coach James Smith. "Our shots were not falling in our favor."

Another technical foul was called on Texas State's Julie Brooks which sent Demon player Chassidy Jones to the free throw line. Jones hit one of the two free throws. With 5 seconds left, Texas State player Christen West missed a three pointer and the Demons remained undefeated in the conference.

"This close game will help us down the road," Smith said. "Every team will be coming after us."

IM basketball under way

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The changing of the seasons always brings expectations about certain sports.

Northwestern State University has its own special brand of basketball, and no, it is not the Demons or Lady Demons. Intramural basketball is back for everyone's viewing pleasure.

Since the Intramural building is currently under construction, IM basketball has moved to the P.E. majors building. Currently there are five leagues consisting of a 6-feet-and-under group, a men and women's group, and a Greek men' and women's group.

"A reason to go to IM basketball is a lot of people will be there, it will be a chance to hang out with friends and at the same time watch basketball," said Chad Givens, the assistant director of recreational sports.

Another reason that IM basketball is popular is because athletes not playing at the college level are given the chance to compete again.

"I can't wait. I am looking forward to playing again," said Kresha Anthony, a participant in the women's Greek league, who intended to play basketball at NSU before attending school.

The IM basketball regular season began Feb. 2 and ends after three weeks. Games will be played Mon.-Thur. at varying times starting after 5 p.m.

IM basketball is free for all students to attend and all students are encouraged to come to the games.

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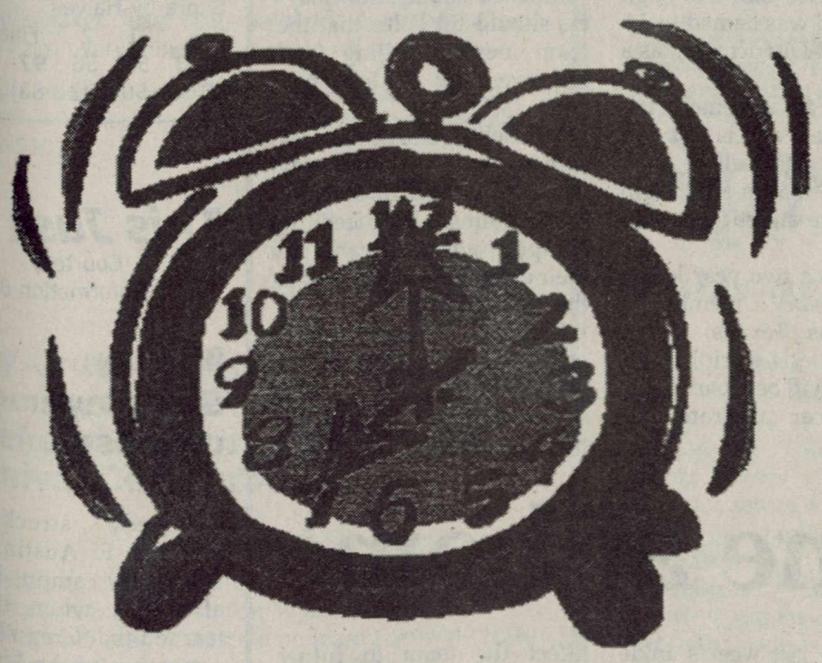
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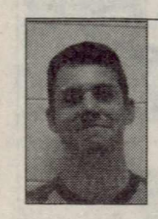


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Joshua Barrios
The Way I See It

Super Bowl

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If I were to estimate how many NSU students watched Super Bowl XXXVIII on Sunday, I would venture to guess at least 80 percent. If I were to estimate how many of that percentage noticed Janet Jackson's flesh, based on numerous conversations with students who did not initially see it, I would guess around 15 percent.

So my question this week is simple. Why is it such a huge deal?

Based on these conversations I have come up with a few ideas.

No.1. Either the entire world is blind or the producer of the half time show has an itchy trigger finger.

I seriously doubt that we are all that blind so I must give credit to the producer who switched off the broadcast before it went any further.

They also did a good job of not giving the want-to-be streaker his fifteen minutes of fame, and thank you Matt Chatham for shortening his time with a nice hit.

No. 2. The media are responsible for making this the issue that it has become.

Although the proper fines would still have been implemented, the majority of the public would not have been as outraged if the major news channels did not show the act in slow motion dozens of times. Thank you, CNN, for ruining the New England Patriots latest great achievement by overshadowing it with another publicity stunt from pop culture.

When Bostonians rioted in the streets Sunday night, they were celebrating the ball, not the breast.

No. 3. Sex will forever be a part of football.

As long as cheerleaders roam the sidelines in little to nothing, sex is here to stay.

Janet's metallic accessory showed near the same as most cheerleader uniforms and its short time on air was a small fraction of the time half-naked cheerleaders normally get.

Overall, I feel the incident took away from the game. Jake Delhomme's great first Super Bowl action and his team's amazing fight throughout the game should have been the focal point of later Super Bowl reports.

Come on people, Tom Brady won his second Super Bowl, becoming the youngest quarterback to win two Super Bowls.

Why are Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake being talked about when the names that should be in conversation are Adam Vinatieri and DeShaun Foster. Both had amazing Super Bowl games that should be remembered.

If anything should be done about the half-time show, it should be taken out of the Super Bowl. Most of the time it isn't even worth watching.

Forget banning MTV from producing another half time show; let's just not have another one. The game and the commercials are the only things worth watching anyway.

Demons recruit big

NSU signs 13 players as Demons get boost on offensive line

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Northwestern State Football Coach Scott Stoker said the recruiting class was smaller this year, but the athletes recruited are big and promises NSU will be bigger for the 2004 season.

The Demons announced 13 signees on Wednesday at NSU's press luncheon where Coach Stoker showed highlights of the signees and gave a preview to the Demon faithful what to expect from the new players.

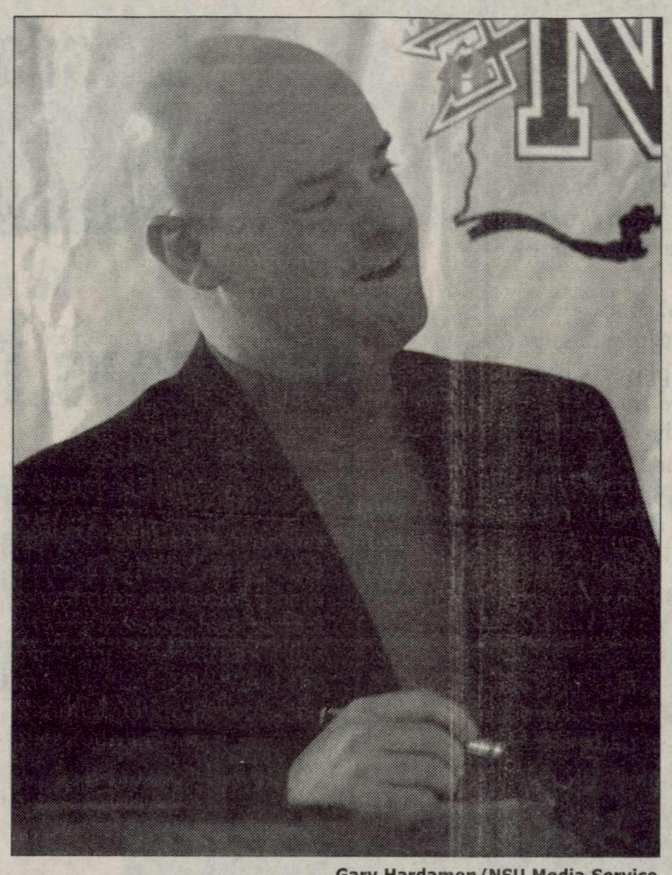
Coach Stoker said the Demons only lost six scholarships from last season, so the Demons did not have that many to hand out.

"We had to be picky with this recruiting class because we just did not have that many scholarships to give out," Stoker said.

The 2004 NSU Football signees were four offensive linemen with a combined weight of 1300 pounds. The linemen are David Blessing, Mark Coons, Charles Daniels and Justin Stephens.

"We got pushed around last season up front so (Coach Chris) Truax went out and got big offensive linemen," Stoker said. "With these big guys we can be intimidating and very physical up front and create seams for the running backs."

The Demons also signed five defensive players in Chez Bellock, Mack Dampier, Charles Daniels, J.D. Henry and Jordon Jones. NSU also signed three offensive players in Adam Varnado, Robert Johnson and Kedrin Seastrunk.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Demon Head Coach Scott Stoker talks about his signees at Wednesday's press luncheon. Stoker showed film on the new players.

Blessing is an offensive lineman from Irving MacArthur HS, Texas. Blessing is a first team All-State Academic pick and a two-year football letterman. He also is a two-year letterman in baseball and one year lettermen in basketball and track.

"He is a blessing in disguise," laughed Stoker. "He is a big left tackle with long arms and good feet that can block well."

Coons is an offensive lineman from Warren HS, Texas. Coons is a three-year first-team all-offensive lineman and a four-year letter winner in football and track. He also has a letter in power lifting.

"Coons is the biggest guy I have seen in my life," Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach Chris Truax said

McDaniel is an offensive lineman from Dallas Carter HS, Texas. McDaniel is a first-team All-State Class 5A offensive lineman, first-team all area and first-team all district for the 13-1 DCHS.

"He is a huge offensive lineman and is a top player in the Dallas area," Stoker said. "He is a big and athletic offensive lineman."

The last offensive lineman signed is Stephens who is from Galveston Ball HS, Texas. Stephens is a first-team All-Greater Houston and All-Galveston County player. He also is first-team all district and a three-year letterman in football and basketball.

"He is a biscuit from 360," Stoker joked. "He can play almost anywhere, and just smashes people off the ball. When he fills out his upper body he will be even bigger."

Bellock is a linebacker from White Castle HS, Texas. Bellock is an All-State Class 2A performer with 125 tackles and is all-district and all-parish most valuable player.

He is also an All-Metro selection and was district MVP his junior season. Bellock also earned a letter as an eighth-grader making him a rare five-year football letter-winner.

"He goes right through you when he tackles," Stoker said.

Dampier is a linebacker from West Monroe HS and is a two-year Class 5A All-State linebacker. He also made the Monroe News Star Top 13 list of senior prospects, all-district, all-Northeast Louisiana and second-team All-State.

Daniels is a linebacker from Neville HS, Monroe, where had had 143 tackles, seven sacks and two interceptions. J.D. Henry is a safety from Bunkie HS, LA and is currently enrolled but will start to play in the fall.

The last defensive player is Jones, a defensive lineman from Sulphur Springs HS, Texas. He is honorable mention All-State Class 4A and the District 11-4A Defensive MVP after making 75 tackles, five sacks and 12 tackles for a loss.

"Jones led his team in tackles and is a smart player with a little mean streak in him," Stoker said.

The offensive players signed were Johnson, a tailback from Redemptorist HS, Baton Rouge, La, and Kedrin Seastrunk, tight end from Newton HS, Texas. Also signed were Adam Varnado, wide receiver from Big

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Soccer signs five impact players

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Five players signed to play soccer for Northwestern State, and look to have an immediate impact on the team this upcoming 2004 season. Demon Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell revealed the five signees Wednesday at NSU's weekly press luncheon.

The five players that signed join a talented roster that look to make another trip to the conference tournament. NSU is coming off their second consecutive Southland Tournament appearance, which was also their fifth in the last seven years.

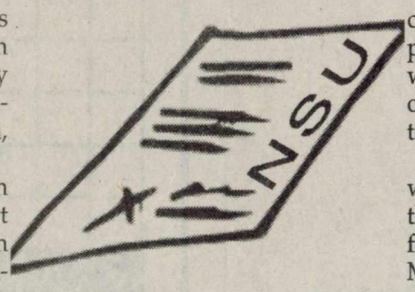
The three-time SLC champions lost only three seniors from last year's team which finished 9-9-2 overall and a third place finish in the league.

Headlining the 2004 class is forward Erin Hebert from Carencro, LA, and Tiffany Kawana-Waugh a midfielder from New Plymouth, New Zealand.

Demon Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said Hebert is one of the top players in Louisiana, is extremely talented and very athletic.

"She will make an immediate impact on our program, and I look for her to challenge for a starting spot immediately," Mitchell said. "She is fast, highly skillful and tenacious. She could be the goal-scorer that we have been missing."

Waugh is a four-year letterwinner out of Spotswood High School and helped her team to three state high school championships. She is a two-time state high school player of the year and was named the MVP of the National High School Premier Tournament.



"Tiffany is a very sophisticated player and her knowledge of the game goes beyond her years," Mitchell said. "I believe she will help up elevate our program to another level and she is an extremely talented player."

Other signees include Carrie Crowell and Shamika Ealy, both from Arlington, Texas, and Katrina Pence from Mansfield, Texas. Crowell and Pence are midfielders while Ealy is a defender.

Crowell led her high school team, James Martin High School, to a district championship and two state playoff appearances. She was also named as captain of her Dallas Texans Club team for three years.

"Crowell looks like she wants to fight everyone on the field, but she is not just a fighter but a smart fighter," Mitchell said.

Ealy is a two-year soccer letter-winner and also lettered in softball and track. Ealy went to Summit High School and was named to 5A Second All-District team as a junior.

"She is an extremely talented athlete and is fast and quick," Mitchell said. "Shamika makes our team much more athletic immediately."

Pence is a two year letterman and was a member of the Dallas Texans Soccer Club. Pence is a triplet and her sister will be a part of the NSU Soccer program this season.

"Katrina is a skillful player and has extremely technical ability," Mitchell said. "She will be one of our more technical players."

Overall Coach Mitchell said he thinks the team will have a good season with a great group of players coming back.

"We did not have a bad season last year, but we are not satisfied," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the new players should fill holes that the team needed filling and improve their scoring abilities.

Mitchell also said the new signees will up the Lady Demons athleticism, and that is something NSU needs to compete against teams in their conference and teams in the SEC and Big 12.

The NSU Soccer team will also be getting lights for the soccer field. The lights should be done in time for the 2004 season.

Demons lose a close one at home

By Joshua Barrios
Sports Writer
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The Demon basketball team fell to third place in the Southland Conference after a 67-64 loss to the Texas State Bobcats Saturday.

The Demons outplayed the Bobcats in the first half, leading them in shooting and rebounding. Jermaine Wallace and Clifton Lee totaled 13 of the team's 25 rebounds and half of the team's 32 points.

Sophomore guard Stephen Burch made the most of his nine minutes, scoring four points with three assists and one rebound.

In the first half, the Demons seemed to have the momentum to take the win, but after half time, that momentum shifted.

Bobcats Roosevelt Nash and Josh Naylor stomped all Demon hopes as they scored 17 points each in the second half and totaled for 42 in the game.

"We quit putting pressure on them and gave up easy buckets," Head Coach Mike McConathy said of the second half. "We let them take over and played at their pace."

With only seven rebounds in the game, it seems Lee's pace dropped in the second half.

"I like to be the double-double man," Lee said. "I have a passion for rebounding and when you have that passion, you go out and get it. Today I had a slow start and didn't rebound."



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
Demon guard Stephen Burch dribbles and scores two of his four points against TXST.

Pacing may have been a problem for Lee on Saturday, but his lack of rebounds may have been due to his lack of mobility on the court. Saturday was Lee's first game back since last week's ankle sprain.

"It's doing well, but I still can't make hard cuts," Lee said

With his injury, Lee still managed 15 points in the game, shooting 6-11 in field goal attempts and 2-2 from the free throw line.

Wallace and fellow teammate Byron Allen also pulled their weight in the game. Wallace topped Lee overall as he earned his fourth double-double of the season scoring 18 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Allen picked up nine points and nine rebounds leaving him just short of his first double-double of the season.

McConathy said though the loss may have been hard to swallow, it should not affect the team in future games.

"We didn't do the things we needed to do when we had a shot," McConathy said, "but we need to build on it rather than mope around."

Wallace is not worrying about Texas State. He said the only way the loss could hurt the Demons is if the Bobcats go undefeated.

McConathy is also looking forward to future games.

"It's going to take little bitty steps for us to get better," McConathy said. "We just need to refocus to get back on the right track."

Today, the Demons wrap up their home series as they play McNeese State at 7:45 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

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NCAA Box Scores

NSU Womens Basketball (14-4, 7-0 SLC)

Jan. 31, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas State
(3-14, 3-5 SLC)

NSU 63 - TXST 62

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	29	34	**63**
TXST	32	30	62

Jan. 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-San Antonio
(8-10, 4-3 SLC)

NSU 71 - UTSA 64

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	31	40	**71**
UTSA	34	30	64

Northwestern State vs.
Sam Houston State
(4-14, 4-3 SLC)

NSU 83 - SHSU 49

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	35	48	**83**
SHSU	24	25	49

Key Player:
Diamond Cosby
21 points vs. Texas St.
junior guard

NSU Basketball (8-10, 5-2) Southland Conference

Key Player:
Jermaine Wallace
18 points & 10 rebounds vs. Texas St.
Sophomore guard

Jan. 31, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas State
(11-7, 6-1 SLC)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	32	32	64
TXST	22	45	**67**

Jan. 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Huston-Tillotson College

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	50	56	**97**
HTC	50	32	82

This Just In

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BASKETBALL

SFA player collapses

Tragedy struck the Stephen F. Austin State University campus Friday afternoon when it was learned that Greg Wallace, a member of the Lumberjack basketball team, collapsed on the court in the William R. Johnson Coliseum. Wallace, a transfer from the United States Military Academy, was in the facility shooting baskets when he collapsed.

Emergency personnel were called to the scene and transported Wallace to Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Team members, coaches and staff members were en route to Hammond, Louisiana at the time of the incident and have returned to Nacogdoches and visit with the coaches.

There was a moment of silence at Prather Coliseum for Wallace at Sat. game against Texas State.

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What's Current?

SGA to sponsor mayoral debate Friday

The SGA, the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, and the NSU department of journalism is sponsoring a debate between mayoral candidates John Winston and Wayne McCullen.

The debate will be held Thurs., February, 19 in the Ora Williams TV Studio in Kyser Hall.

Do to limited seating in the TV Studio, attendance to the debate is by invitation only.

There are about 30 invitations for the SGA to distribute to interested students, and tickets will also be given as prizes during the weekly "SGA Radio Show" broadcast Fridays at 2 p.m. on KNWD.

The debate is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will be broadcast live on NSU 22 (Cox Cable Channel 22) and KNOC 1450 AM. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and an invitation is needed at the door to enter.

The SGA is promoting the Alley in the Student Union as an alternate place to watch the debate.

Students are encouraged to submit questions for the mayoral candidates to mayordebate2004@hotmail.com.

Elaine Broussard

Black history program to be held at NSU

Helping Hands, a student organization at Northwestern State University, will hold its third annual Black History Program at the Magale Recital Hall on February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

"Every year, we do things differently," said Samantha Maxie, a member of the organization. "This year we will have praise dances, poetry, and we will honor the Black faculty here at Northwestern," she said. The praise dances, which are dances of worship to Christian music, will be performed by the praise dance team Anointed Perfections. NSU's Lifted Voices Inspirational Mass Choir will also sing selections during the program.

According to Helping Hands president James Jamison, Sue Weaver, the dean of the University College, will be a guest speaker. "Last year, we had 100 percent participation from every minority on campus," Jamison said.

The program will be of free admission to the public. For more information, contact Student Support Services at 357-5901.

Willie Valrie

Holy Cross Catholic Church Announces Family and Friends Weekend Aboard Cruise Ship Carnival Celebration

Holy Cross Catholic Church of Natchitoches has announced its annual "Fall Family and Friends Fun Weekend," this year, to be held onboard Carnival Cruise Line's Funship Celebration. The ship will do a 4 night sailing out of Galveston, Texas to beautiful Cozumel, Mexico. Everyone, including NSU students, alumni, past and current members of Holy Cross and the NSU Catholic Student Organization, are invited to participate!

"We are excited about this event", stated Father Dan Cook, pastor of Holy Cross. "This is our way of gathering everyone together and celebrating friendships and family. We welcome everyone and encourage old and new acquaintances to participate."

The sailing is scheduled for September 2-6, 2004, Labor Day weekend, and calls on Cozumel, Mexico, known for its legendary coral reefs and abundant shopping opportunities. The Celebration sails round-trip from Galveston, Texas, sandwiching two "Fun Days at Sea" around a full day in sunny Cozumel. Package prices begin at $375.00 per person which includes all fees and taxes, meals, onboard entertainment, etc. Payment does not have to be made all at once. Interested persons may go online at: www.cruisepros.com/group/holycross or call Lisa at 888-987-7245, Extension 2.

Alicia Shulz wins LOB





Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Top: Alicia Schulz wins the 2004 Lady of the Bracelet pageant after a controversial 2003 contest.
Bottom: From left, LOB finalists Ashley Dunham, Sarah Jessica Rhodes, Alicia M. Shulz, Andrea Courtlynn Pang, and Wanetah Walmsley.

After a judging mishap that left Shulz without the title last year, she came back to win in '04

By Callie Reames
Sauce reporter

Alicia Schulz, a theater major, was crowned Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet last Friday night. It was the 45th pageant and the second time Schulz was crowned.

A score-auditing mistake falsely named Schulz as winner in 2003. The problem was prevented this year because of computer assistance and new auditors.

Eleven women competed in the areas of interview, talent, swimsuit and evening gown.

During the evening gown competition Melissa Clark, Miss Louisiana 2003, who hosted the pageant, asked the women two questions. Pageant staff chose the questions.

Schulz won the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. The first runner up, Wanetah Walmsley, was one of three awarded in talent. Second runner up Andrea Pang and third runner up Ashley Dunham shared the talent award with Walmsley. Sarah Rhodes was fourth runner up. Miss Congeniality was Brittany Hung.

"I felt really prepared because I had worked really hard," Schulz said.

Shultz was most nervous about her ballet performance. She danced to a Spanish love song and dedicated it to her deceased grandfather. However, a dress hang-up twisted her up.

"My dress kind of got stuck on my foot," Schulz said. "That had never happened before."

The interview took place the afternoon of the pageant and comprised 40 percent of each woman's total score.

"Always, the interview is the most difficult because you're with the girls a little longer, and it's stressful for them. But they did a wonderful job," pageant judge Betty Matthews said.

"I liked doing the interview. I liked being challenged by the questions," Schulz said.

Another judge, David Hedgepath, said, "I think all the girls were very equal in interview. They were very well prepared, very educated and very well informed of current events. And I think they all handled it very well."

Schulz chose to advocate the mentoring of children through the arts for her platform.

"I wanted to do something that I felt passionate about," Schulz said.

The next step for Schulz is the Miss Louisiana Pageant later this year. She said she will focus on improving her talent and pursuing her platform.

Spring enrollment sets record

Fully-accredited online degree programs draw in out-of-state students

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

There are 9,881 students taking classes at NSU this semester, setting a new spring record for enrollment at the university.

Registrar Lily Bell cited the growing prominence of Internet-based courses as a major factor in the enrollment increase.

"We had a continuous increase in enrollment of students taking undergraduate and graduate courses delivered electronically through distance learning technologies," Bell said.

This increase is largely due to the fact that out-of-state fees no longer apply to Internet courses.

"More and more out-of-state students are taking Web-based courses due to the change in policy for out-of-state fees, and the fact that the online degree programs are fully accredited," Bell said.

Bell also said that the university hopes for further enrollment increases despite the fact that new admissions standards for the university will go into effect in the fall 2005 semester.

Under the new standards, first-time freshmen will be accepted only if they have obtained a TOPS scholarship and need no more than one remedial course. Bell said also students will need to have either a cumulative high school GPA of 2.00 or better, a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or an SAT score of at least 950 from a single test, or a ranking in the top 50 percent of their graduating class, Bell said.

Bell expressed optimism about the effects of enrollment increases, saying that more students mean an increase in revenue for the university.

"We are equipped and we have been preparing to meet the challenges on internet-based registration," Bell said.

Cheryl Thompson/ The Current Sauce

Students pack vics during lunchtime reflecting increasing enollment.

NSU News22 Forecast

Today
Mostly cloudy
50°/33°

Friday
rain
47°/33°

Saturday
chance of rain
50°/34°

Correction:

In last week's story "Bracelet contestants prepare for pageant" Katrina Dixon wrote that second, third and fourth receive cash and trophies. However, they only receive trophies.

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TOPS refunds to disperse within next three weeks

By Aaron Pizani
Sauce reporter

The TOPS scholarship refund checks will be written and mailed in about two and a half weeks, according to the Director of Student Financial Aid, Misti Adams.

The TOPS scholarship refund process is long and complicated and requires a lot of waiting on the state. Misti Adams said that the university has to wait fourteen days after enrollment to bill TOPS and send it to the state. The day after the fourteenth day, the financial aid office verifies the report and then sends the bill to TOPS. The bill is sent to the state office by e-mail.

"It used to take about a month to get us a check in the mail." Adams said. "We now receive those funds by EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer). Once we went to EFT, it cut off two weeks of the processing time. Usually it is about a month and a half into the semester before we get the TOPS money."

Transferring funds by EFT began in the summer of 2003.

"We are hoping to get the money by the end of this week, the first of next week," Adams said. "Now, this is not a guarantee. That is just the target dates that we are looking at."

Adams said that after the TOPS money is received, it goes into a bank account that the university has set up and business affairs notifies the financial aid department that the money has been received. TOPS then sends a "dispersement roster" to show what students receive the money.

Adams said that in two to two and a half weeks the TOPS refund checks should be in the mail.

If a student has a loan and a TOPS scholarship there are programs in place that can help the student receive the loan refund.

"If we have a student that comes to us and says that they are in an emergency situation and need the loan money before TOPS comes in, we have what we call an Early Refund Appeal Process," Adams said. "If they can show us documentation we will go ahead and give them their refund on their loan and wait for the TOPS money to come in to pay the account."

Book vouchers are available to students so that they can purchase books before any scholarship money comes in.

"We are the only institution in the state of Louisiana that processes book vouchers...because we don't have refunds readily available," Adams said.

She explained that in every other institution in the state, a student has to pay in full before attending. Northwestern has provisions such as installment plans and allows students to attend while waiting for their scholarship money.

"We had to come up with a way for students to get books even though they couldn't physically get their refund until the week after fee payment," Adams said. "Because after fee payment is over you have two days to add and drop and change your classes. After that we start processing refunds to make sure students are eligible for the money we are giving them."

She said that the university is essentially giving the student credit on the scholarship and loan money that will be coming in later. A student can receive a book voucher of up to $450 as long as the credit equals or exceeds that amount. This amount was increased last year from just $300.

Provisions are in place for art students, nursing students, and first level clinical students to receive larger vouchers because they have to buy approximately $700 worth of materials, Adams said.

"If a student needs more than the $450 for books the bookstore will write a letter saying that the student needs more. As long as they have the credit, it will be increased," said Adams.

Adams estimates that the TOPS refund checks will be in the mail near the beginning of March.

ER POLICE BLOTTER POL

2-7-04

12:05 a.m.

A call was received from an RA at Dodd Hall regarding three male subjects dressed in all black sitting on each others shoulders to spy on residents as they walked up and down the stairwells.

5:21 p.m.

Another complaint was received pertaining to another vehicle break in. One of the windows had been smashed in.

2-10-04

A subject passed out at the Coliseum. Natchitoches Parish Hospital was en route to transport the subject.



SGA Minutes

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

The prayer was led by Zach Pulliam.

The pledge was led by Jeff Bergeron.

Present:
Matt Bartley
Jeff Bergeron
Abby Brocato
Matt Burroughs
Craig DeSoto
Patrick Feller
Dustin Floyd
J.Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Kelli Menard
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Absent:
Alan Sypert
Kelli Miller

Casey Ponder moves to approve Callie Reames as new SGA executive assistant.

Motion seconded and passed by general consent.

J. Keith Gates moves to amend minutes of last meeting.

Discussion.

Motion fails by roll call vote. 10-2

Motion to approve minutes is passed by roll call vote. 13-1

Treasurer's Report Edward "Beau" Boudreaux: $180 was spent for supplies. $41 in student fees was taken in. Sixty-four SGA student loans were given out, totaling $3150.

VP Report Scott Manguno: The new convenience story is nearing speed demon card utilization. Mr. Martin wants to talk to us next week in a question and answer discussion. He is giving amnesty for anyone who brings back stolen food trays. Mindy McConnell asked if the store would take a speed demon card or a meal plan card. Scott Manguno answered, saying it would take both in a matter of weeks.

There are campus procedures for stolen textbooks. Campus Corner has a hidden numbering system.

The sale of USA Today newspapers is limited to Vic's. The possibility of it being sold elsewhere is being discussed.

President Report Greg Comeaux: Keith and I went to the Council of Louisiana Student Body Presidents. Whoever gets my job next year, you'll have to go. Talk to me for invitations to the mayoral debate. There is a class conflict for cabinet meetings. We'll meet after this. Please sign up for at least two committees even if you can't make the meeting time.

Academic Affairs Mindy McConnell: Thanks Jeff Bergeron for attending the academic affairs meeting. Hopefully more people will come to the next one.

External Affairs Patrick Feller: It was thought that only external affairs committee members could participate in the radio show. Those who want to participate can. This week will be busy with flyers and other advertisement for the mayoral debate. Meetings are Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Fiscal Affairs Edward "Beau" Boudreaux: 2 of our committee members weren't there. One was sick. One was horizontal. We were short for quorum. Organizational grants are all ready to go out. We'd like to do them February 27. We need to accelerate the date by two weeks. Who was on organizational grants last semesters? Mindy, Kelli Miller, Chad Black. We need one more person.

Internal Affairs Zach Pulliam: Our electronic copy of the constitution and bylaws was corrupted. I'm retyping and reformatting them. Internal affairs will make an index for it. I put up a paper for contact information revisions so Callie can send out the minutes. Each week we'll have 1 person and report per bill at each meeting. The internal affairs meeting is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Student Affairs Keith Gates: The mayoral debate is next week. We haven't been getting good student questions. Please email your questions to mayordebate2004@hotmail.com. One per senator. Traffic and Parking meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the conference room. Double ticketing and student officers will be addresses.

SAB Report Shantel Wempren: SAB passed 13/14 proposals and spent $1600 in an hour. There will be an Artist presenting in the Student Union this week.

Graduate Advisor's Report David Gunn: Stay away from infrastructure and auxiliary services such as the counseling and career services and the library. Two things: I'm tired of being the president, according to the website, and tonight after the meeting everyone that is going to COSGA we'll talk about dates and times and what to bring.

Advisor's Report Mr. Henry: Those going to COSGA, bring back something that will make our SGA better. I'd like to see a good number of ya'll at the mayoral debate. That's going to be a very important election. I'd like to take ya'll to the wellness center to see the progress. Step by step, they're putting the jigsaw puzzle together. We'll go 11 a.m. on Monday. It's going go to be a big retention tool. David is working on the SGA website. Keith, work on mayoral debate.

Supreme Court Report absent

Unfinished Business

Keith Gates moves to approve Bill SP04-003. It is seconded and passes by roll call vote. 13-2

Kelli Miller enters.

Mindy McConnel moves to renew Bill SP03-004.

Keith Gates: Point of Order Discussion

Greg Comeaux: Rewrite the bill. Give it a new number.

Motion fails.

New Business

Matt Burroughs moves to approve the spring election board.

Discussion.

Matt Burroughs withdraws motion.

Matt Burroughs motions to approve new list of spring election board members.

Motion seconded.

Roll call vote passes motion. 12-3

Mindy McConnel moves to change Art. 3, Sec. 3.8 of the constitution. Motion is seconded and discussed.

Greg Comeaux: Any change to the bylaws should be legislation.

Zach Pulliam: It needs to be written down for everyone and put on emergency status for next week.

Motion fails.

Annoucements

Residential life committee meeting cancelled. COSGA meeting after this. Anyone interested in Best Buddies, a program that pairs collegiate students with special needs individuals should see Kristin Huben. Dustin Floyd said Wednesday at 4 p.m. is meet and greet. He congratulated Scott Manguno for his food service work and thanked Shantel Wempren for her SAB work. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



College of education under new dean

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce reporter

A new acting dean recently commenced leadership of the College of Education, midway through the department's lengthy and critical re-accreditation process.

On Jan. 5, Vicki Gentry began serving as the College of Education's interim dean. Gentry, who spent the past three years as department head of health and human performances, replaced John Tollett as the College of Education's acting dean.

Tollett, who served as dean for six and a half years, declined to comment on his reasons for relinquishing that position. He has returned to his previous position in the Education Leadership Program.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler said that Gentry was appointed interim dean by the administration.

The position will be open to candidates and permanently filled through a hiring committee in a year.

Scheffler said Gentry was chosen because of her leadership qualities and previous experience with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

"Dr. Gentry has that background of experience that brings to the position an expertise that I think we found very appealing in preparation for NCATE," Scheffler said.

Gentry said her primary goal as interim dean is making progress toward NCATE.

Martha Henderson, dean of graduate studies and research, as well as chair of the State Unit Accreditation Board, expressed how important NCATE is to the department and the university.

"NCATE is the agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit teacher education programs," said Henderson.

"We have to maintain our accreditation with NCATE in order to continue to prepare students in the College of Education to become teachers. It's very, very critical. It's absolutely essential," Henderson said.

Henderson explained that NSU's Education Department undergoes a re-accreditation process every five years.

It is currently under continued review, due to changes within NCATE's requirements.

NCATE adopted new standards in 2001, and Henderson said that this has made the process more complicated.

"Even though we are accredited and are just going through a continuing review, the standards are different, so that makes it much more difficult," Gentry said.

Gentry said that there is much work to be done in preparation for NCATE.

"We had two consultants come in in the fall, and both consultants said that we were not at the point where we needed to be," she said.

Gentry said NCATE's reviewing team will visit NSU in October. This team will interview faculty and students, visit classrooms, and examine evidence of how the department is meeting national standards.

Henderson said, "The emphasis is on looking at the data that we've collected that shows that our students are successful in the classroom."

Although she has only occupied her position as dean for a few weeks, Gentry has already been applying NCATE's new standards to the college's programs and improving cited problem areas.

She has made committee reassignments within the college, and she led a forum on Jan. 8 to improve collaboration between the College of Education and other departments on campus.

She and seven other NSU representatives also attended a conference recently, sponsored by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. This conference, which took place Feb. 6-10, was held in Chicago.

Instructor Kim McAlister, who is on the College of Education Leadership Team for Accreditation, participated in this conference. She explained the reasons for attending the conference, prior to having gone to Chicago.

"The purpose of this conference is, first of all, for us to receive information from other people involved in the process so that we'll be as prepared as possible," McAlister said. "Secondly, it's for us to network with other professionals to make sure that the things we're doing here on campus – the best practices, the preparation of teachers – are meeting national guidelines."

Gentry said that progress is already being made but that there is still much to do before October.

"Change has to be gradual," she said. "You just can't come in and turn the tables over and start over. You have to work with what you have, and you have to convince people that this might be better."

Scheffler expressed confidence in Gentry's methods and said that faculty members and administrators are already praising her performance.

"Going through an accrediting process is arduous under the best of circumstances," Scheffler said. "Coming into a new position is difficult under the best of circumstances. Trying to do both is incredibly difficult, but we've gotten great feedback."

Gentry will have the opportunity to apply for the permanent position when the selection committee is formed toward the end of the year, but she said she does not yet know if she will do so.

Campus Connections

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated will be holding their Formal

2004 Rush on Fri., Feb. 13, 2004 in Russell Hall Room 107 at 7:13p.m.

NSU Baseball

There are baseball games on Fri. at 3 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m., and Sun. at 1 p.m. Students get in free with an NSU ID.

Delta Upsilon Fraternity

Delta Upsilon Fraternity will be hosting a car bash in front of the Student Union on Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. until the NSU vs. UTA game starts.

Aids Awareness Seminar

Martin Luther King Jr. Center
700 MLK Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.
Refreshments will be served.

Native American Organization

There will be a Native American Organization forming on campus.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-7116; (318) 357-5309. You can also contact Dr. Gregory at 210 Kyser.

the CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for CONNECTIONS, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring CONNECTIONS to **Kyser 225**, or e-mail them to **currentsauce@nsula.edu**. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any CONNECTION.

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Linda

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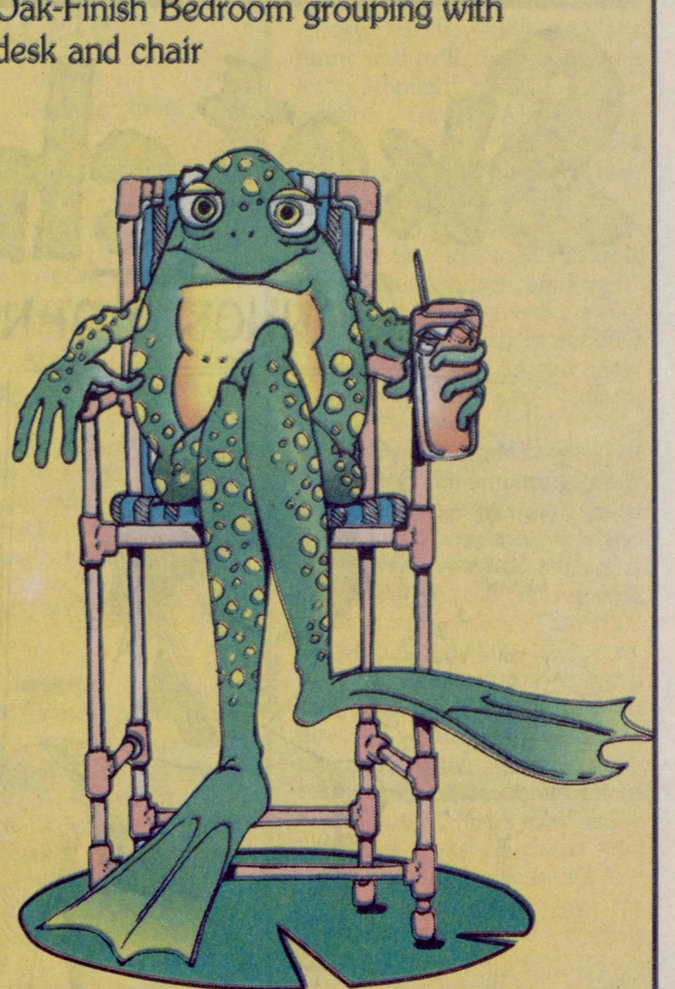
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What do you want for your money?



By Shantel M. Wempren

Spring elections are coming up and one issue that everyone likes to vote on is money. The question of raising fees or lowering fees is always talked about, whether it is popular or not, but the real question is, where does YOUR money go?

Your money actually goes to a variety of places. A break down of your account will tell you were every dime of it goes. A couple places that your money goes to is the SGA and the SAB. Both organizations put in a lot of hours making sure that you get what you need here at Northwestern, but do you realize that you have a say in what you get as well?

An offer that's on the table that requires spending money is the USA Today Collegiate Program. Scott Manguno, VP of the SGA, is the brainstormer behind this project. The program would provide more than 500 newspapers daily for the use of Northwestern students. (You will no longer have to purchase papers in Vic's or the University Bookstore) The selection would provide not only USA Today but the Financial Times as well as several local and regional papers. What's the price tag on this you might ask? The program would cost about $25,000 per year.

Schools such as Yale and Penn State host similar programs. On a local note: Nicholls State, in Thibodaux, is a participant of this program.

Can Northwestern host a similar project? Well, Northwestern can but the question is: where is the money going to come from? The idea was born in the SGA, but the SGA cannot afford to host the $25,000 program due to the fact that its budget is very small. The SGA only collects $2.25 from full time students.

The possibilities are open about how to pay for this. Students could vote for a student assessed fee of about $5 for all full time students or another $2.25 for all students. Another possibility would be for an organization such as the SAB to pick it up. The SAB is in charge of student programming and picks up the tab for events such as homecoming week and Spring Fling. Would the students like the SAB (which receives $10 from full time and part time students) to pick up the tab and have a few less activities such as magicians and game show hosts or would the students like the SGA to suggest another fee that comes with a lot of benefits?

Students of Northwestern, it's your money and I urge you to voice your ideas. If you don't know a Senator of SAB representative, please feel free to visit either of the offices in the Student Union and make suggestions or you may email me at ShantelMarie@elvis.com and I will relay your suggestions.

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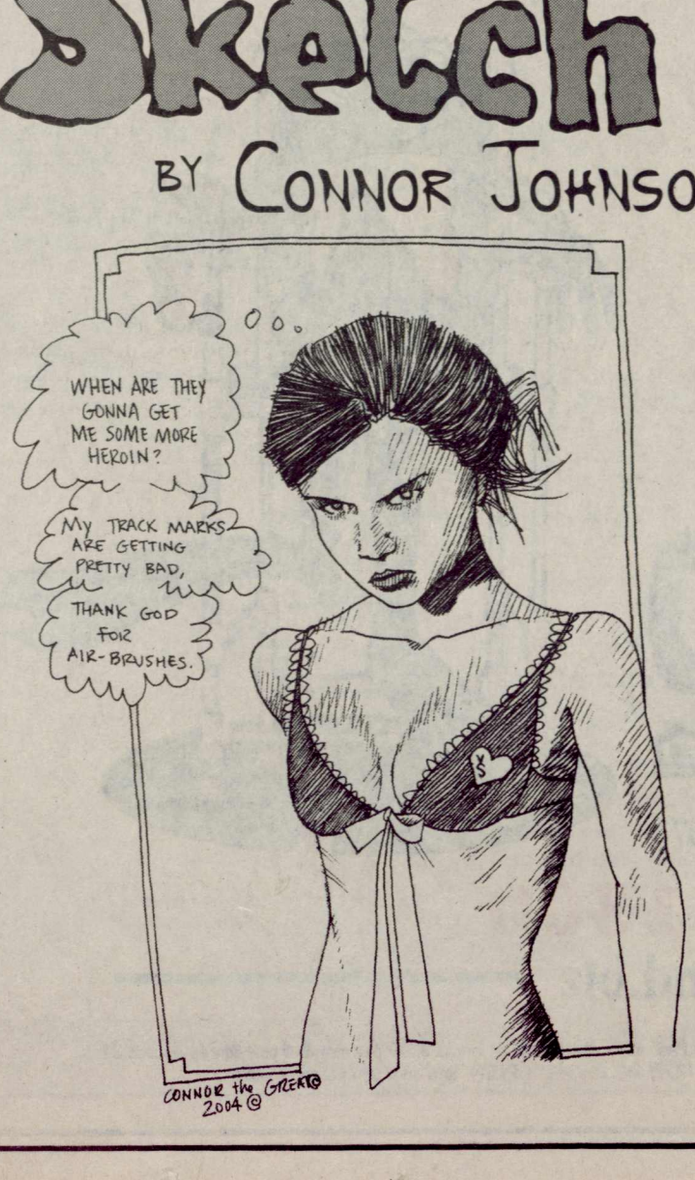
This Day In History:

Senator Joe McCarthy claims to have list of 205 communist government employees.

February 12, 1950

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



Letters to the Editor

Student Responds to Floyd

The occurrences of this university known as NSU never cease to amaze me. As a former student, I have borne witness to many of the past controversies that littered our campus: the "Tony the Lonely" column; the decision to bring in Toby Keith; multiple LOB split decisions. And now, as I read through the Current Sauce online, I feel as though this university's answer to Richard Nixon is just waiting to burst: Dustin Floyd is running for president. Again.

Mr. Floyd is eager to point out his years of service to the university. Five years thus far? Wow, that is a long time. I can't help but wonder just what Mr. Floyd has been doing during his tenure on this university. Has it been moving towards some form of graduation and moving forward into the real world? Well, seeing as how Mr. Floyd will be running during his SIXTH year, I do not think that is the answer. Has his time been spent developing the next sure-fire e-commerce flop? One visit to dustinfloyd.com answers that question. Odds are, Dustin is just biding his time, like the aforementioned Nixon, to run for office when all his competition has actually progressed outside of the mini-universe that Mr. Floyd seems to regard as World's End.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Floyd can bring himself to leave the university in a reasonable amount of time and leave the power where it belongs: in the hands of the students. After all, if power belongs to the students, and students should hold the power; being a student requires doing the work to move forward instead of remaining mired stagnantly in one's own delusions of grandeur.

Chris Owens
Deemed educated after 4 years

Stop the Madness

This is in support of Mr. Brown's article last week, "Crucifying Creationism." Because I'm assuming that there are going to be various people writing on numerous aspects of this particular Filler, I shall only concern myself with one concept contained in it: why it is wrong for people to force their religious beliefs on others.

I'm sure that many people do not think that spreading Christianity is a bad thing. I'm not saying it is. However, a line must be drawn somewhere, and that line should definitely be what we are teaching to the younger generations. If you want to preach, fine. Do it in your church, in your mosque, in your tent, on your doorstep; do it where people who WANT to learn can come and listen to you. It is aggravating enough to me that Christianity is being forced down my throat everytime I turn on the television, everytime I hear a presidential speech, and everytime I read the newspaper. However, no matter how aggravating that is to me, it is literally painful for me to hear that we are not only creating a Christian environment in schools, but we are trying to legislate the very words spoken in the classrooms so we don't risk corrupting the wee little minds of the children with such concepts as "evolution." Doesn't anybody realize that taking the very word "evolution" out is an act of censorship? It is not profanity, it is not vulgar, and it does not dictate lewd conduct, therefore there is no reason for it to be censored. If it were not for the people, those particular Christians who wish to make everybody all like them, forcing their beliefs upon those of us who DO NOT WANT TO THINK THAT WAY, there would not only be time better spent discussing more important issues, but also there wouldn't be this direct violation of MILLIONS of people's First Amendment rights.

I find it absolutely ridiculous that there is horror when a Muslim speaks about his beliefs, or a Wiccan mentions their religion, or an athiest discusses their concepts of creation, but nobody cares when children are cornered in their classrooms and antagonized, called names, hit, persecuted by other students, teachers, even administration, all for not being Christian (and nobody can tell me that this does not happen, because I've been there). Why is it okay for Christianity to be forced on the masses? Is it because our founding fathers were supposedly Christian? Perhaps a closer look should be taken; Washington owned slaves, Jefferson had affairs, and many of the founders of our country were agnostic. Shouldn't we take a look back in history, at the Crusades, in which those who didn't believe in the teachings of Christianity were raped, murdered, pillaged, and tortured? What about the witch trials? All done by good Christian people... In fact, much of the terrorism done within our own country today, abortion clinic bombings, hate crimes, etc, are by "good Christian people."

I am not saying that Christianity itself is bad. If somebody (or millions of somebodies) wish to believe in the teachings of Christ and all, let them. It is their right to their own beliefs, just as it is everybody else's right to believe in something else. Children's minds are being molded in the classroom, and to force them to take away everyday words that only offend creationists is merely another victory for those trying to make everybody believe the same.

Children have the right to believe as they choose, just as any other person, and they should not have religion dictated to them in public schools. They, as American citizens, also possess the First Amendment right to freedom of religion, and have the right to DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES what they want to believe.

And if you don't want to let the kids choose for themselves, fine. Let their PARENTS decide. You never know, they might be Christians who believe in evolution, and they might want their children to know what has been discovered in the past four hundred years. If nothing else, nobody has the right to legislate religion to anybody else, especially in the United States of America, so called "Land of the Free."

Jessica Jansen
Non-Christian
Biology Major

Support for Gay Marriages

Let me begin by applauding Elaine Broussard's column on the legalization of same-sex marriages, since she was to the point on the question of whether said unions should be legal (as opposed to whether they are morally correct). However, I would like to address certain problems I have found in Mr. Tummons' editorial on gay marriage, based on what I have learned while writing my senior thesis on sodomy laws and the Supreme Court.

In response to his first argument that homosexuality is not natural and that it may be the "result of people avoiding the difficulties of bonding with the opposite sex and more easily identifying with their own gender," I would like to point out that there have been several articles from scholarly psychological and scientific journals (i.e. The American Psychological Association) that have shown homosexuality to be a naturally-occurring phenomenon. For instance, in cases of overpopulation, individual members of a crowded species will mate with members of the same sex, thus curbing over-breeding. Furthermore, the concept of gender identity is a socially-constructed one, in which the roles attributed to biological sex are not necessarily what would occur in the absence of cultural imposition. Mr. Tummons' suggestion that homosexuals cannot develop close relationships with persons of the opposite sex is at best facetious and grossly inaccurate. If he is claiming that homosexuals refuse to attempt to have sexual relationships with members of the opposite sex, then I disagree vehemently, for reasons that I feel are too obvious and too many for me to ennumerate in this limited space.

With regards to what the Bible--or the Qur'an, or any other holy book, for that matter--says on the topic of homosexuality, I would like to point out that such things cannot shape American lawmaking, since the First Amendment clearly states that Congress cannot pass any legislation with a religious bias, such as prohibiting homosexual conduct in the United States simply because the Bible says so. Furthermore, any claim that the United States is a Christian nation or that the Founding Fathers were Christians who drafted the Constitution with Christian principles in mind is highly misinformed and ignorant of the multiplicity of ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds that encompasses the American experience today.

From a legal standpoint, I would like to state that what the U.S. Supreme Court, the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and the supreme courts of all the states that have struck down sodomy laws have used as a basis for protecting same-sex unions is a notion very much akin to the philosophies of John Stuart Mill and his harm principle: if they are not hurting anyone, then leave them alone. Professing that the legalization of gay marriage will allow for "human and animal unions," much as Senator Santorum claimed in March 2003, lacks some logical progression. An element of consent exists in an act of homosexual union that does not exist in an act of bestiality, just as it does not exist in rape or pedophilia or other such socially deplorable acts that homosexually-squeamish conservatives illogically determine is the next step after legalizing same-sex marriages.

Mr. Tummons also asserts that same-sex marriages should be deemed unfit because homosexual conduct cannot produce biological offspring (and technically, even this will soon be incorrect, thanks to the innovations of modern medicine). If he is going to take this stance, however, then I feel that he and others of like minds should also argue that heterosexual people who cannot or will not reproduce together should also not be allowed to marry. And clearly, if the act of sex was merely for procreation, then the practice of recreational sex should not have been appreciated as it has through the countless human civilizations that have existed throughout the past millennia.

As for how same-sex marriage would affect laws on insurance, adoption, and so forth, I can only say it is a weak argument on my best day. Let me elaborate on the adoption issue as an example. I have found journal articles that demonstrate that children who are not reared in the so-called "traditional" nuclear family can grow up just as healthily and successfully as those who are. Ultimately, it is what parents teach their children that affects how those children will turn out: will a single mother teach her children hard work and perseverence by learning how to balance a career and a family by herself, will a lesbian couple teach their children tolerance and assertiveness by merit of their own lifestyles, and will a traditional heterosexual couple teach their children hate and intolerance in the end because they themselves cannot accept that which is different?

I think Elaine Broussard's Counterpoint response to Mr. Tummons' column said it best when she said, "Who cares?" Can the sex of someone else's domestic partner really matter that much when you are not part of the relationship?

In essence, what I am saying is an extended version of the old cliché, "Live and let live." No Christians still have to put up with Christian prayers and benedictions before school-sponsored functions such as football games and graduations, racially-intolerant persons still frequently see interracial couples in public places and on television, and the fashion-conscious still have to see people wearing tasteless attire every time they go out. It's all a matter of taste, and the opinions of the majority should not have to shape the lives of everybody . This country is, after all, a place where minority groups have found shelter in the past creating a melting-pot of astounding diversity, so let's celebrate it.

Sincerely,
Eva De Le
NSU Se

Recie's pieces of life



Whether in conversation we generally agree or disagree with others is largely a matter of habit: the one tendency makes as much sense as the other.

Friedrich Nietzsche
German philosopher

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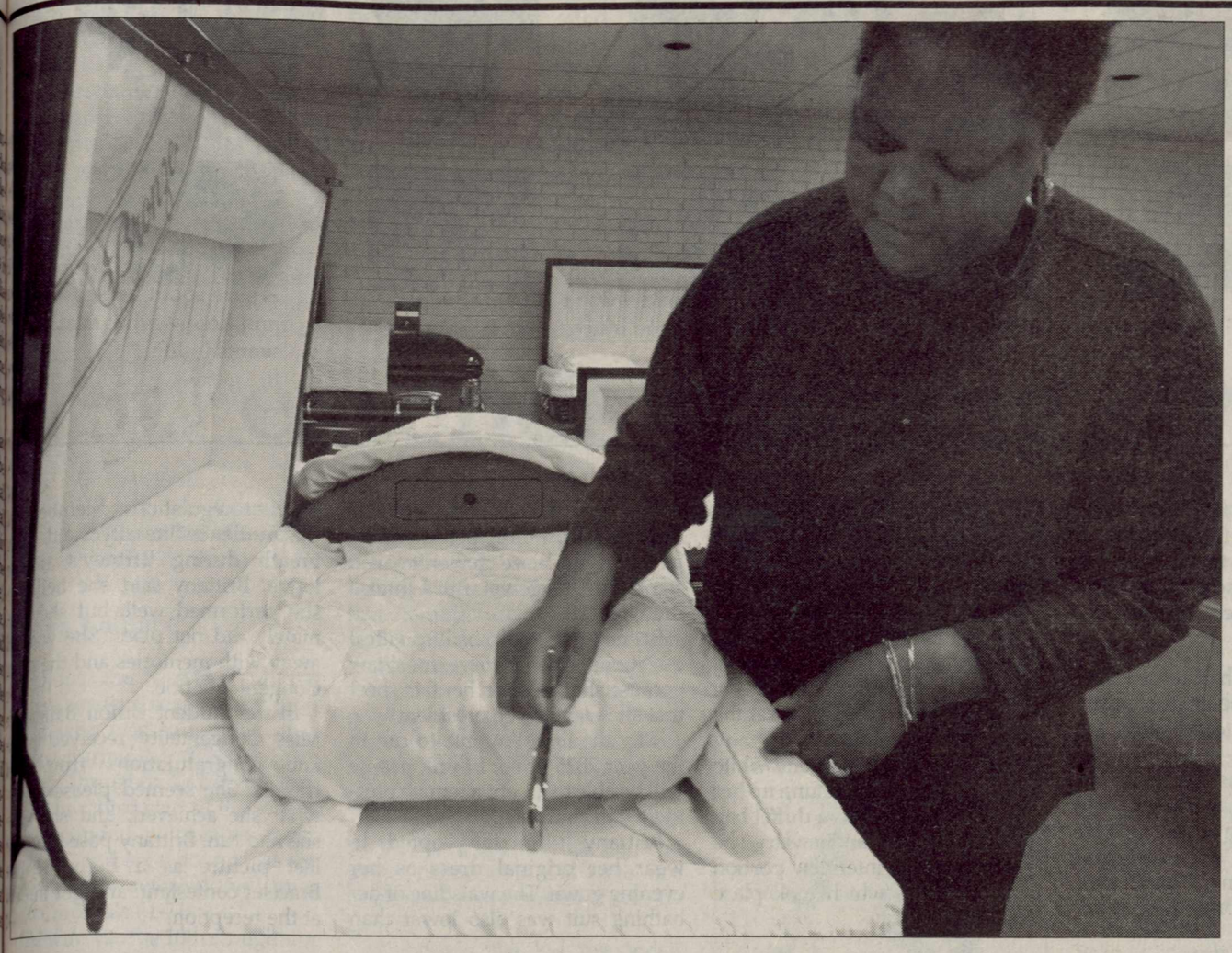
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Left: Cheryl Thompson/*the* Current Sauce
Mildred Dean Joseph, administrative manager of the funeral home, prepares a casket at the Natchitoches location of Winnfield Funeral Home. Winnfield is located at 318 North Street.

Above: Courtesy of Winnfield
Ben Johnson, the founder of Winnfield, began four different companies since 1932. He is being honored in this year's Black History Month parade. The parade will be held on Feb. 21.

Black Focus: The History of Winnfield Funeral Home

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During the Great Depression, times were hard. Out of these economically challenging years came a business to help serve the black community when other businesses turned it away.

In 1932, Ben Johnson started the Winnfield Funeral Home in Winnfield, La. Johnson, originally from Natchitoches, moved to Winnfield where there were no black mortuaries.

Because times were hard, Johnson needed financial help to start his business.

"Times were so economically dreadful that it took nine men in Winnfield to put together the grand sum of two dollars and seventy-five cents. And that was the start of Winnfield Funeral Homes Incorporated," said Edward Ward Jr., the manager of Winnfield Funeral Home in Shreveport.

The original location of the funeral home was on the first floor of the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall. At this time manufacturing was lending aid toward production for World War II. Because of this, Johnson had to learn to make his own caskets. He later developed this into a company.

Johnson started Winnfield Funeral Home because there was a need for burial services in the black community. Back then funerals only cost around $300-$400. However, many could not even afford this.

So Johnson started the Winnfield Colored Burial Association, the forerunner of the Winnfield Life Insurance Company. He charged only $1 a month no matter how many people there were.

"It was a need for a decent, Christian burial, and a need to maintain a policy that would care for the financial needs of a decent Christian burial," Ward said.

Johnson also established the Winnfield Building Company because the minority community was not being served well. Johnson financed and physically helped to construct a large number of homes, churches, fraternal buildings and businesses for blacks in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Today Winnfield has seven branches and can be found in Shreveport, Alexandria, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge. Ward said that although the majority of Winnfield's business is of minority races, Winnfield does not discriminate according to race, religion or creed.

The Natchitoches branch of Winnfield Funeral Homes was established second, in the late 1930s. Johnson began by selling insurance policies, and then followed with the funeral home.

The Natchitoches branch of Winnfield serves Natchitoches and all surrounding parishes.

Winnfield provides complete final care. This can include removal of the body, embalming, preparation of the body for viewing, taking the body to the crematorium, funeral services and the burial.

Winnfield also has premade plans that can be purchased if a person would like to be more selective in the care they receive after death.

These plans do not increase in payment over time, and allows for options on how the body is prepared, clothing selection from their own line of attire if desired and the type of wake or visitation service.

Jermicka Williams, the funeral director and embalmer for the Natchitoches branch of Winnfield, said that today the costs of funerals usually range from $4,000 - $30,000, depending on the services the family chooses.

These include services, the casket, the amount of restoration needed and other merchandising.

Williams said her first experience with the company was an internship in late 1999 and early 2000. She left for a period of time in 2002, but returned in 2003.

Williams said she does just about anything she is asked, from training clerks on death certificates to embalming and cosmetizing.

"I love it. This is a cherishing experience and a privilege to be in Natchitoches and be around such a sharp and great mind, which is Mr. Johnson," Williams said.

Mattie Petite, a clerical worker at Winnfield, also loves working for the company.

"I've been here for 37 years, I think I love it," Petite said.

Petite said that Johnson is being honored in this year's Black History Month parade, which will be held on Feb. 21, and will run on Front Street. Johnson, however, does not think he needs a parade.

"I don't need no parade. I'm a servant, I'm not used to being served, I'm not used to that," Johnson said.

Pageants & Poise:

Behind the scenes of Lady of the Bracelet



Cheryl Thompson/ *the* Current Sauce
Brittany Hung performs during the talent portion of the 2004 Lady of the Bracelet Pagent. Hung gave a dramatic reading from Shakespeares's "Othello."

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Forty-six women have now been crowned the Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, but it takes more than wearing two gowns and one swimsuit, singing and walking up and down a stage to win this pageant. The real experience of a Lady of the Bracelet contestant begins as early as a week before the pagent with public service.

Community Service Project

On Feb. 4, Theta Chi sponsored a public service project in which the girls of the MLK Boys and Girls Club center were given the opportunity to meet the contestants. Brittany Hung came from soccer practice, but arrived before the first speaker, Theta Chi President Edwin Reliford, finished his statements.

The white room was small, but only at half capacity. After another speaker, everyone was allowed to mingle. Refreshments were provided, but were largely ignored by contestants and girls in favor of one another. Although some of the girls from the club stood, most remained seated.

"We know they're probably a little shy," Brittany said, "so we're going to go to them."

Several of the girls spoke with Brittany about basketball, which was great considering her platform was getting young girls into athletics.

Brittany gave out nine autographs in a span of about 20 minutes. The event ended with a group photograph of girls and contestants and Theta Chi presenting each contestant a red carnation. Brittany went on that evening to grab a quick shower, a small meal and two hours of rehearsal.

The day before the pageant...

Brittany was up for weight training at 7:30 a.m. Soccer players must attend weight training, and students must go to class. Lady of the Bracelet contestants receive no exceptions. Hence at 10 a.m., when training is over, she gave a small interview over a cup of coffee before rushing off to class.

Classes consist of management at 11 a.m., marketing at 12:30 p.m., and logic at 2 p.m. Brittany is a junior business major, and plans to attend law school after NSU.

"I'm taking that class (logic)," Brittany said, "because I heard it was supposed to help with the LSAT."

After class, Brittany meets with Director of Dancelines Abe Anthony III and Assistant Professor of Theater Pia Wyatt, both of whom are choreographers for the pageant. They recommended that Brittany wear her evening gown, which Brittany's mother sewed, as her opening dress and her opening dress be worn as her evening gown during rehearsals that afternoon. They said the original opening dress was brighter than the evening gown.

"Which is nice that both of your dresses are so simple. There isn't a lot of frou," Wyatt said, "you're not a frou girl."

Anthony also gave advice concerning walking on stage.

"Just relax. Relax, relax, relax, relax, relax," Anthony said. "Try not to look like you're about to kick a soccer ball."

Brittany's apartment has a stained glass welcome sign and two large paper lanterns. Brittany had a light snack made up of plain yogurt, raisins, and a high-fiber cereal.

"I have really bland tastes," Brittany explained.

Meet the parents

Miguel and Pamela Hung, Brittany's parents, arrived from their hotel at 3:30 p.m., and everyone headed off to Wal-Mart. Brittany needed her nails lengthened, and Mrs. Hung wanted a few almost-last-minute supplies for Brittany's evening gown. Mr. Hung checked on the price for an oil change for Brittany's car.

Getting nails lengthened involves approximately 40 minutes of having acrylic nails applied, shortened, buffed and shaped, while clear acrylic polish is applied to the nails to allow for a smooth transition between real and cosmetic nail.

Brittany had the ends of her nails

See Lady, page 6

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



Gifting Your Guy on V-Day

Ah… the sweet scent of roses is in the air, stars are in your eyes and butterflies are in your stomach. Could it be getting close to St. Valentine's Day? Definitely!

By now your brain is probably on the verge of an aneurism from trying to think of something special to do for your significant other. So, here's a thought: do we have to wait around for our guys to get us something or take us somewhere on Valentine's day? No we don't! In that case, girls, this year let's make V-day a little more special for the men that hold a special place in our hearts.

There are many romantic things we can do for our guys that will show them how important they are to us.

Initially, you have to realize that guys LOVE surprises—the trick is not to give them any clues and let them find out! Next is to plan ahead for mistakes and intrusion—don't freak out if your great idea suddenly gets interrupted.

Here are a few examples of the most popular ideas:

-Cook his favorite meal and serve it up really special by lighting candles and playing smooth music in the background.

-Get him a funny but sweet card, some balloons and a BIG stuffed animal. This idea will send the message that you see his softer side, but understand that he can't show it to just anyone.

-Dinner and a Movie. Take him to a nice restaurant and then to the cinema or order in some take-out and rent a movie you think he'd be interested in. Because this is your gift to give, you can't be too "girly."

Ok, ok. You are probably thinking that EVERYONE does these kinds of things. And you know what, you're right! But hey—they work!! So here are a few unique ideas that might flip your boy's lid and make his heart melt:

1. **Name A Star**: This is probably the coolest idea ever. Go to www.starregistry.com and you can name a star after your loved one, get a map of where your star is located and a frame to put it in for about $60.00. This idea sort of came to me when I watched "A Walk To Remember" with Mandy Moore—watch and find out the reaction naming a star can get you.

2. **Personalized Romance Novels**: I know this is a little cheesy, but hey—it's cute, it's funny and he'll know you put a lot of thought into this corny present. Go to YAHOO! And search under "Personalized Romance Novels" to find where you can get yours.

3. **A Cookie Bouquet**: The quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, am I right? If you give your honey this sweet treat, it will be much appreciated and your guy will let you know just how yummy you—I mean, your gift—tasted.

4. For you married couples out there, try remembering your wedding vows and have it screen printed onto beautiful paper and attractively framed. This is something you can do for each other and enjoy together. Ok…did this help? I hope so, because Valentine's Day is just a hop, skip and a kiss away from now. So, whatever you decide to do for your sweetie pie, schmoopsie pooh, sugar-bear or honey-bun, I hope they enjoy receiving it as much as you enjoyed giving it. So here's to a special Valentine's Day for everyone—may you cherish your day of love.

Correction:

In last week's paper, the picture caption at the bottom of page eight was of Joe Calabria reading one of his poems at the Tin Cup Cafe.

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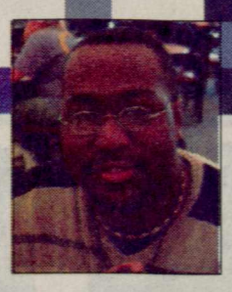
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What do guys want for Valentines Day?



David Davis
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"A cute girlfriend to help me study for my test."



Pete Flood
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"I can't say because I got to keep it PG-rated."



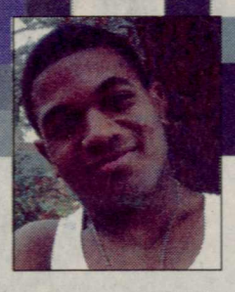
Sylvester Tanenbaum
Freshman

"To spend time with my girlfriend. I don't really care too much for gifts."



Isiah Boyd
Freshman

"A down-to-earth female and a Rocawear belt."



Harlold Chambliss
Sophomore

"A pretty female who is sure about herself and knows what she wants in life. "

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squared.

"They say rounded makes your fingers look longer," she said, "but I like them 'squoval.'"

Fumes are an inescapable part of this process. Similarly inevitable is a best friend calling at this time, during a complete inability to answer a cell phone. Brittany's ring tone is "Barbie Girl" by Aqua.

At 5 p.m., Brittany and her family stopped in at a dance supply store because Britney needed dancing slippers to be able to walk normally during the talent portion of the competition. Britney gave a dramatic monologue from Shakespeare's "Othello" for her talent.

By 5:30 p.m., the family was back at Brittany's apartment, only to split up again as the parents left to eat and Brittany went to rehearsal.

The big day

Friday, Brittany had to be at the auditorium two hours before the 7:30 p.m. pageant to get ready. An hour before that a friend who drove in from Texas, her mom and she were in her apartment, still deciding on which dress to wear first. Brittany had one eye made-up, and her apartment was coated in large "We Love Brittany" posters from her friends. The choreographers had said Brittany looked stunning in her opening dress. Light becomes topaz around the dress and sets Brittany's copper skin tone alight.

Mr. Hung arrives at 4:24 p.m. with a pair of high-heeled shoes, which had broken in rehearsal the night before, repaired. Brittany donned a black tank top and white sweat pants and safely hung up her gowns. As she packed a duffel bag with hair supplies and jewelry, she talked about the interview portion of the pageant, which took place earlier that day.

"Ten minutes went by so fast," Brittany said. "It's 40 percent of the pageant, and we haven't even stepped on stage yet. But I think I did well."

Britney received mostly political questions during her interview because she wrote on her fact sheet that she wants to be president.

"By the time I'm able to run in the year 2025 or so, I think people will be able to accept a female president," Brittany said.

Brittany ultimately opted to wear her original dress as her evening gown. The waistline of her bathing suit was also lower than pageant regulations. Members of the audience literally held their breath during Britney's monologue. Brittany said she believed she performed well, but she ultimately did not place. She walked away with memories and the Miss Congeniality title.

In the Student Union Ballroom, Miss Congeniality received hugs and congratulations from her friends. She seemed pleased with what she achieved, and she said she had fun. Brittany posed for her last picture as a Lady of the Bracelet contestant, and got in line at the reception.

Tommy finally has a job: Ford visits Northwestern

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"Wuz up, dog!" was the humorous greeting the Northwestern student body heard from Tommy Ford, former co-star on the television show "Martin."

Ford was one of the five speakers at the black feature program Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Williams said the program theme "I Gotta Job, Now You Get!" was centered around Ford's character "Tommy" on the show, who never seemed to have a job.

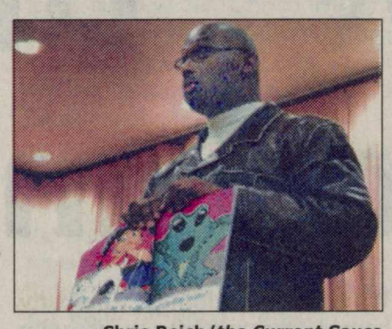
David Williams, the coordinator of the event, said he felt this would the best way to commemorate Black History Month.

"We thought about what would be more beneficial to the black students," Williams said. "Doing a black history feature instead of a black history program would give the students a way out to make their own history."

Williams said he first met Ford in Alexandria and knew he had done several speaking engagements across the country.

Ford said he enjoys traveling to speak to groups and was excited to be at NSU.

Ford began the program by giving his own philosophy on the difference between a job and an occupation.



Chris Reich/*the Current Sauce*
Tommy Ford reading one of his children's stories. Ford is currently playing on the television show "The Parkers."

Ford said an occupation is what you do to collect a paycheck, but your job is your purpose for living.

Ford encourages people to do what they are born to do so they won't die empty.

"It is my prayer they will realize, 'Wow, these people started off just like I did, they accomplished just like I did, and I can do the same thing they can do and better,'" Ford said.

Ford then introduced the Reverend Dr. Gregory Bevels, a family physician in Alexandria. Dr. Bevels said in order to achieve success, "place yourself in a position to receive a blessing" by sacrifice and time management.

After Dr. Bevels words of encouragement, Vice President of Hibernia Bank in Alexandria Martin Johnson shared his experience of going from electrical engineering to business.

Johnson said, "You can succeed even if you change your professions."

Attorney Bridget Brown of Alexandria spoke on the importance of giving back to those who helped you along the way.

Finally, State Representive of District 58 Roy Quezire spoke on the importance of remembering special contributions in black history.

"It is not about your background, it is about your backbone," Quezire said. "You should strive to be all that you can be."

William said he was very impressed with the turn out and that the NPHC plans to continue the program each year.

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IM basketball highly competitive after first week

By Jeremy Pace
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There is no need to tune in to ESPN or the NBA All-Star Game for current basketball action.

Students need only come to the P.E. Majors building to find exciting basketball. One full week of intramural basketball has passed and the excitement continues to grow.

"IM basketball has gone well so far," said Chad Givens, the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports. "We have a lot of good teams and all leagues should be highly competitive."

Highly competitive certainly describes the first week of IM basketball. Each league has a two-way, sometimes even three-way, tie for first place.

The women's league has a tie between three teams for first place. The Louisiana school, Zeta Phi Beta, and the Hustlers all have two wins at the beginning of week two.

The men's open league has two divisions, purple and white. The Hustlers, Those Guys and Wait And See are all tied with two wins at the top of the purple division. J-Unit and Underground Ballers head up the white division with two wins apiece.

The 6-feet and under league also has a purple and white division. Ryan's Roughnecks and We Out Chere lead the purple division with two wins, while the Bayou Boys and Staff Infection also lead the White division with two wins.

The Greek men's league is led by Phi Beta Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi who both won their first two games.

The second week of IM basketball holds much more exciting basketball including a few rivalry games, especially in the Greek leagues. Rivalry games are prominent in the Greek leagues because of the familiarity and the competition that takes place throughout the year.

"We have a lot of good teams and all leagues should be highly competitive."

Chad Givens
Assistant Director of Recreational Sports

"We play for fun, for the love of the game, but we also look forward to playing the other fraternities because of the rivalries," said Matthew Stewart, the captain of the Kappa Alpha team.

A rivalry game to look forward to in the next week of action is the game between Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma in the women's greek league. Last year the game almost erupted in violence, so this year promises to be a physical, exciting game.

Whether it be the tension of a rivalry game or just good basketball action, NSU students can find it at the P.E. Majors building throughout this week and next week.

Admission is free to IM baseball games at the P.E. Majors Building.

Games are Monday - Thursday starting at five p.m.

NSU extends winning streak

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NSU vs. Lamar

Without the services of the league's leading scorer Diamond Cosby, who was suspended after fighting during the McNeese State win on Thursday, LaTonya Perry earned her third start of the season and responded with career-highs 14 points and six rebounds as the Lady Demons defeated the Lamar Lady Cardinals 81-71.

The win was the 10th straight for the Lady Demons as they improved to 16-4 overall and remained a perfect 9-0 in Southland Conference play. Lamar fell to 4-14 and 1-7 in the conference.

But it wasn't just they play of Perry that held off a Lamar rally, Beth Tallant came off the bench to score a career-high 16 points while Cooda Dobin flirted with a triple-double by scoring 12 points, dishing out 13 assists and pulling down seven rebounds.

It was her seventh double-double of the season. Amanda Bennett led NSU in scoring with 19 points.

The Lady Demons appeared to run away with the ballgame early as they held a 35-16 lead with 4:29 to play in the first half. However, Lamar chipped away at the lead and trailed 40-30 at the half.

"The first 12 minutes we played extremely well," said Lady Demon head coach James Smith. "But, the final eight minutes of the first half and the first 12 minutes of the second half were a different story."

Lamar was able to find the three-point shot in the second half and cut the Lady Demon lead to as low as five points with 10 minutes to play.

Perry and Tallant answered with back-to-back open layups on good passes from Dobin and were able to eliminate any further threat by Lamar.

"I thought the kid responded well to their runs," said Smith. "It was a gutsy effort for our kids but we realized we have a lot to work on defensively."

The Lady Demons' 71 points allowed was the most any team scored on them since Kent State put 74 points on the board on Dec. 29.

NSU vs. McNeese St.

By Warren Hayes
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After defeating McNeese State 78-62 Thursday, the Lady Demons look to continue their winning streak as they play road games against Nicholls State and Southeastern University.



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
La'Terrica "Cooda" Dobin looks to pass the ball Thurs. night against MSU.

Nicholls State is ranked 10th in the Southland Conference, with an overall 1-19 record. Southeastern has a 9-10 record.

"Even though these teams are not ranked high in the conference, we can't take them as push overs," Coach James Smith said. "We have to take everyone seriously."

Thursday night, McNeese State proved to be a serious competitor for the Lady Demons. Diamond Cosby shot only two points in the first half, but La'Terrica Dobin, with two points off a fast break, excited the crowd.

"We are still working on our offense," La'Terrica Dobin said. "We will get better."

In the second half, a punch thrown by Cosby landed on McNeese State player Marquita Williams, which caused Cosby to get ejected from the game. Cosby left the floor with 11 points.

"This game is very physical," LaTonya Perry said. "These things sometimes happen."

Perry and Ashley Sparkman filed Cosby's absence, as Sparkman scored seven points, and Perry contributed 10 points. Amanda Bennett had a team high of 22 points.

"I shot very well, " Bennett said. "The hot streak comes and goes."

With one minute, 50 seconds remaining in the second half, McNeese State player Kasie Cummins scored two back-to-back 3-pointers, but it was not enough to take the victory, and the Demons continued their winning streak.

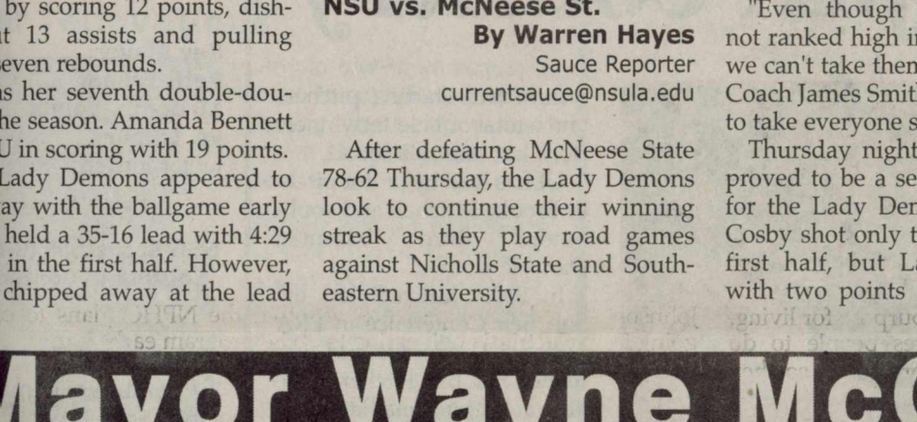
"We started the season good," Coach Smith said. "We are trying to keep our winning record."

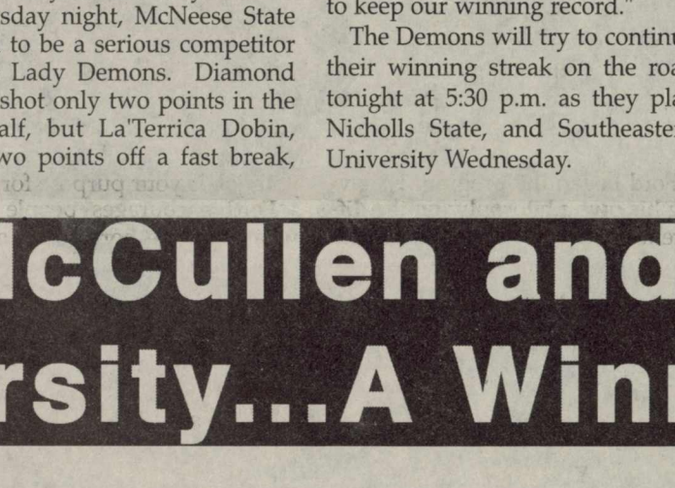
The Demons will try to continue their winning streak on the road tonight at 5:30 p.m. as they play Nicholls State, and Southeastern University Wednesday.

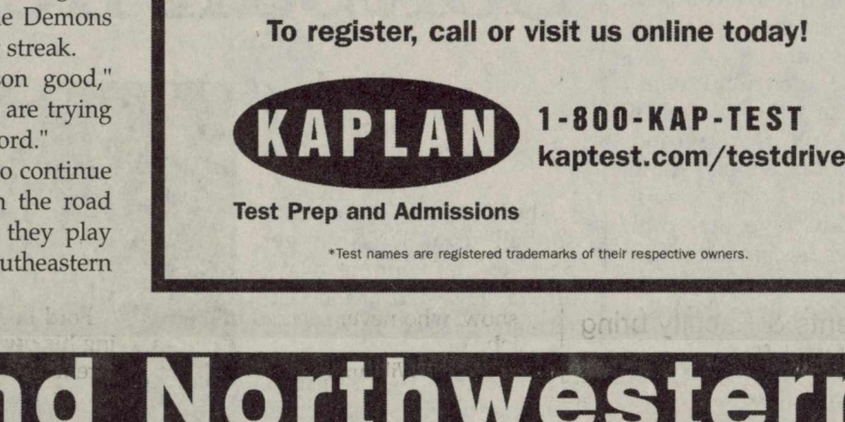
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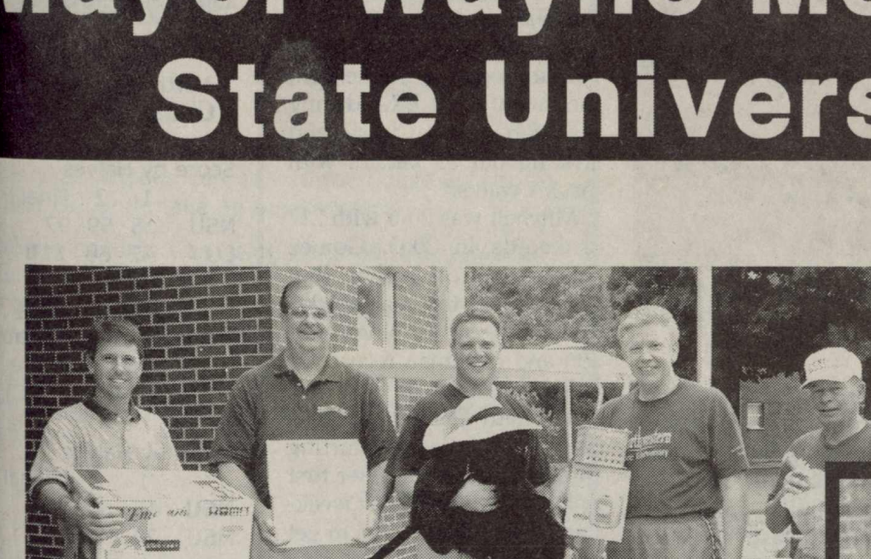
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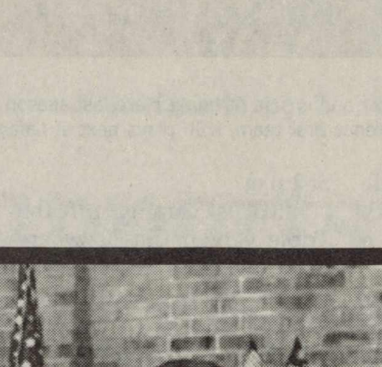
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SOFTBALL
2/13 vs. LaTech — 11:45 a.m.
2/13 vs. McNeese - 2 p.m.



Patrick West
The Way I See It

A wacky weekend

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With so many sports going on, the Demon fanatic or typical sports fan should forget Valentine's Day and head out to the ballpark or the tennis complex. NSU baseball plays at home all weekend and the NSU tennis team plays at home on Sunday.

The softball team plays in Lafayette, which is only two hours away. The Lady Demons play two games on Friday and Saturday and one game on Sunday.

That gives someone plenty of time to take a road trip down to Cajun country and watch our girls beat the Ragin' Cajuns.

If these sports do not interest you, then the NEXTEL Cup kicks off Sunday with the Great American Race, the Daytona 500. With all these sports going on, who needs Valentine's Day?

Guys should forget about this crappy holiday and head out to a complex or ballpark and cheer the Demons on.

If the girlfriend complains, take her out on a date to Brown Stroud Field and watch some baseball. She will absolutely love that day. Who needs romantic dinners and flowers?

Take her out to the ballpark for some good old hot dogs and America's pastime.

I know I am ready for the NEXTEL Cup to kick off, but I will be in Lafayette all weekend watching softball. I look for the NEXTEL Cup Championship to come down between Dale Earnhardt Junior and Jeff Gordon. I prefer Gordon to win, but in NASCAR who knows what will happen.

I cannot wait to see how the new points system works out and whether it is dropped after one season.

I am not saying I don't like it, but I am giving it a year to change my mind. Hopefully, it will make racing better and the drivers will be able to actually race and pass other cars.

And I hope it eliminates win by fuel mileage or pit strategy. All NASCAR fans miss the days were a race was decided by racing and not some other factor.

This past weekend I attended the football banquet and was excited to see the players we have coming back for the 2004 season.

I talked to senior Eric Louis after the banquet, and he told me that he is preparing for the NFL draft. He also said he has scouts looking at him. I wish him and any other Demon player entering the NFL draft the best of luck.

It was good to hear that NSU will play Louisiana-Lafayette again in football. The trip to play the Ragin' Cajuns kicks off the 2004 football season for us.

Last time we played was in 2000 with NSU winning the ball game on a last possession touchdown. I hope this game is just as electrifying and fun to watch.

Check out a Demon event—you never know what will happen, especially this weekend.

Football hands out top awards for 2003 season

By Joshua Barrios
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After a long rest from a tough season, the Demon football team finally has the recognition for which they have been waiting.

At Saturday's annual Northwestern State Demon Football Awards Dinner the team recognized all of the year's top players and gave seniors Jerry Goldsmith, Eric Louis and Ryan Porter top honors.

Porter and Louis were named permanent team captains by their Demon teammates and were given the Joe Delaney Leadership Award while Goldsmith was awarded the Lester Latino Award for tremendous work ethic, unselfishness, teamwork, leadership, toughness and performance on the field.

Also named at the dinner were the annual most valuable player awards. The Offensive MVP award was given to junior running back Derrick Johnese and the Defensive MVP award went home with linebacker Jamall Johnson.

Defensive MVP was not the only award Johnson received. He was also named to the first-team All-Louisiana, first-team All-Southland Conference as well as awarded both All-Louisiana and Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year awards.

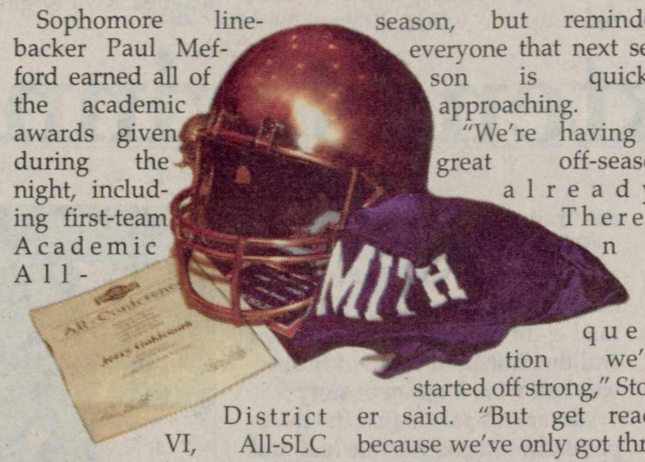


"I can't take all the credit," Johnson said. "The defensive line played real well and without them it wouldn't have been possible."

Defensive lineman Quintene Newhouse was named to the first-team All-Louisiana, first-team All-Southland Conference and the first-team I-AA Allstars.org All-America Team.

Following those awards on the offensive side was offensive lineman Greg Buckley who was also named to the first-teams All-Louisiana and All-Southland Conference.

To receive awards Saturday night, players were not only judged by their abilities on the field, but off the field as well.



Sophomore linebacker Paul Mefford earned all of the academic awards given during the night, including first-team Academic All-District VI, All-SLC Academic and was awarded Southland Conference Football Student-Athlete of the Year.

Senior deep snapper Seth Ortego was also awarded the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Award and 25 football players were recognized for having at or above a 3.0 grade point average.

As the awards ceremony closed, head coach Scott Stoker thanked all who helped the Demons though the last season, but reminded everyone that next season is quickly approaching.

"We're having a great off-season already. There's no question we've started off strong," Stoker said. "But get ready because we've only got three weeks until spring practice."

Stoker and The Shreveport Times also announced that the Demons will be opening up their 2004 season against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and later play division I-AA newcomers North Dakota State.

North Dakota went 8-3 last season making it to the Division II championship game where they lost to powerhouse Grand Valley State, 10-3.

Softball heads to cajun country

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The Northwestern State softball team looks to get back to its winning ways after a slow start at the Getterman Classic in Baylor, Texas.

NSU stands 1-4 for the season after playing some tough competition this past weekend. The Lady Demons lost to Auburn 2-0, host Baylor 5-1, Pacific 3-1, Wichita State 2-1 and won against North Texas 7-2.

"We played pretty well but the leadoff kids just didn't get on base for us," Lady Demon Assistant Coach Melissa Inouye said. "Our pitching was consistent and kept us in the ballgame, but we just didn't get run support."

The Lady Demons now look to this weekend's Eighteenth Annual Louisiana Classics Tournament against defending Sun Belt champions and host University Louisiana-Lafayette, Southland Conference rival McNeese State and Western Athletic Conference rival Louisiana Tech.

This is NSU's second consecutive week on the road against stiff competition. The Lady Demons start the tournament on Friday at 11:45 a.m. against LaTech and play LaTech again on Saturday at 2 p.m.

LaTech's softball program is in reconstruction mode after going 16-42 in 2003. LaTech now looks to a brighter season in 2004.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Outfielder Sarina Noack dives for and is safe at home plate last season. Noack was named to the 2004 Preseason All-Southland Conference first team. NSU plays next at Lafayette.

The Lady Bulldogs started off the 2004 campaign at the Mississippi State Bulldog Round Robin Classic by winning four out of six games.

LaTech beat Jackson State and Bradley University, with two losses to MSU.

The Lady Bulldogs are led by junior outfielder Brittany Stanley who was named to the 2004 Preseason WAC first team. Stanley had a .308 batting average with a conference best 17 steals in 2003.

After LaTech on Friday, NSU plays heated rival and conference foe McNeese State at 2 p.m.

MSU is coming off the Triple Crown Classic where the Cowgirls went 1-4. The Cowgirls lost to Bethune-Cookman, Jacksonville, Central Florida, Stetson but won against Boston College.

The Cowgirls were predicted to finish second in the SLC in the coaches' poll and fifth in the Sports Information Directors' poll.

MSU also had one player named to the third-team preseason All-SLC. Sophomore pitcher Jessica Denham had a 2.46 ERA in 2003 and went 12-6 with 108 strikeouts.

MSU has seven starters returning including their entire pitching staff from the 2003 season.

NSU then plays host ULL at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Lady Ragin' Cajuns made an appearance in last year's College World Series and is ranked ninth in the nation.

ULL is overall 3-1 with its only loss coming against Georgia Tech, but was named champions of the University of Louisiana-Monroe Mardi Gras Classic.

ULL is coming off a 47-11 season in 2003 and won their third straight Sun Belt regular season championship and fourth straight Sun Belt tournament championship.

The Lady Ragin' Cajuns will have six position starters return, two starting pitchers and a total of 11 letterwinners from last season's squad.

ULL is lead by junior pitcher Brooke Mitchell and sophomore third baseman Danyele Gomez.

In 2003, Mitchell led the Sun Belt Conference in ERA with a 1.11 average and was named Sun Belt Pitcher of the Year and Louisiana Pitcher of the Year.

Mitchell (2-1) started off her junior season on the right foot with a .78 ERA during the Mardi Gras Classic and striking out 33 batters with just six walks.

Mitchell was 20-6 with 217 strikeouts in 2003. Gomez was named the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year in 2003 and set the school single season and freshman record for home runs with 20.

The Lady Demons will also look to get senior starting pitcher Crista Miller her first win after going 0-3 last weekend. NSU will also try to get their bats warmed up after scoring only 10 runs in the Getterman Classic.

"We can compete with any team and I think we will do really well this weekend," Melissa Inouye said. "I think we will bounce back with a good tournament this weekend."

After the ULL tournament, NSU hits the road for the third weekend to compete in the University of Las Vegas Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada.

NSU Crew medals at Erg Sprints

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The NSU rowers Seth Fornea and Mathew Hooker won big this week at Georgia Tech's Atlanta Erg Sprint Race.

The Erg Sprint Races are done on a rowing machine called Concept II Rowing Ergometer for 2000 meters, or roughly 1 mile.

Select members of the NSU Crew traveled to Georgia Tech Saturday to compete against top-ranked schools like the University of Georgia and Clemson as well as each other.

Other schools that attended were Georgia State University, Berry, Davidson, Emory and the University of North Carolina.

Fornea topped the pack and took the gold medal in the 2000-meter race with a time of 6:20.5.

"Not many people pull a time that low. He pretty much blew the competition away," Head Rowing Coach Alan Pasch said. "He is the fastest rower we've ever had at NSU."

Pasch also said with a little hard work, Fornea could be looking towards higher goals soon.

"If he could shave 15 seconds off of that time, he could try for the Olympic team," Pasch said.

Hooker, a freshman rower, showed his importance to the team as well as he took the silver medal just behind Fornea with a time of 6:36.0.

Pasch said the performances of Hooker and fellow newcomer Travis Lowin show the bright future of the crew. Lowin placed seventh in the competition after joining the crew only three weeks before the race.

The two medals won by Fornea and Hooker were the first medals ever won by the NSU Crew team at the Erg Sprints. Overall 14 rowers from NSU competed at the Sprints and 10 rowers made the finals.

Pasch said the interesting part of the race was that teammates raced against each other, unlike normal races where it is based on individual times.

"Rowing is such a team sport," Pasch said. "Individuals don't get a chance to show what they've got until an event like this."

Pasch said success like this helps the team look forward to the remainder of the season.

"Everything looks good and has everyone excited about the season," Pasch said.

The crew's season will continue in March, as they will compete in the Cane River Sprints in Natchitoches and in the Heart of Texas in Austin, Texas.



Special to the Current Sauce
Senior rower Seth Fornea competes at the Erg Sprints in Atlanta, Georgia. Fornea won the gold medal at the Sprints.

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NSU 81 - LU 71

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	40	41	**81**
LU	30	41	71

Feb. 5, 2004
Northwestern State vs. McNeese State (5-14, 3-5 SLC)

NSU 78 - MSU 62

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	47	31	**78**
MSU	26	36	62

Northwestern State vs. Texas State (4-14, 4-4 SLC)

NSU 63 - TXST 62

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	29	34	**63**
TXST	32	30	62

Key Player:
Beth Tallant
16 points points vs. Lamar
junior forward

NSU Basketball (9-11, 6-3 Southland Conference

Key Player:
Clifton Lee
29 points vs. Lamar
sophomore forward

Feb. 7, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Lamar** (9-12, 3-5 SLC)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	38	59	97
LU	42	68	**110**

Feb. 5, 2004
Northwestern State vs. McNeese State (5-14, 1-7 SLC)

Score by Halves

	1	2	Final
NSU	45	47	**92**
MSU	24	57	81

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

FOOTBALL

NSU signs running back & wide receiver

Standout receiver Dudley Guice Jr., rated as one of Mississippi's top prep football recruits by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper, signed Tuesday to play collegiately at Northwestern State.

Guice, a 6-3, 207-pound product of Trinity Episcopal Day School, had 54 receptions for 1,011 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior last fall, along with intercepting nine passes on defense, three which he returned for touchdowns.

Two-time All-State running back Clavorris Sibley of Westlake High School, a four-year all-district pick, signed a football scholarship with Northwestern State.

Sibley (5-11, 200) ran for 2,885 yards and scored 44 TDs in his final two prep seasons.

The two players are the 14th and 15th signees for Demon coach Scott Stoker this year.

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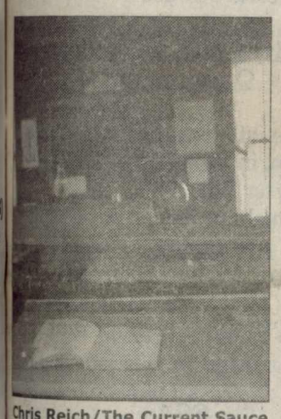
In an address to the SGA senate Monday night, Director of Dining Services Perry Martin said the C-Store is now able to accept the Speed Demon card. The store's system for reading the cards went online Friday.

Martin also said he wanted to have more input from students. He pointed out that postings on the comment board in Vic's Cafeteria will receive an e-mail reply within 24 hours, as long as the comment is not a joke and does not use profanity.

Martin also said that he hopes to upgrade the existing cafeteria facilities and make food service available in more areas on campus.

Kyle Shirley

One-room schoolhouse open after renovations



Chris Reich/The Current Sauce

An old one-room schoolhouse is open for public viewing after being moved from a plantation near Cloutierville.

"There was a tremendous amount of work to make it safe to go in," said Cathy Seymour, director of field experiences. "It had to be restored."

The building needed a new roof and repairs on the interior walls. The building also had to be protected from termite infestation.

The schoolhouse was ready for viewing for homecoming this year. Anyone can go into the house as long as they first call and make an appointment.

While the building was being restored, memorabilia and furniture from the house were stored on different parts of campus. Now all of the memorabilia has been placed back in the schoolhouse.

Seymour said that the building would soon be landscaped and other minor changes would be made to the project.

April Dickson

Mardi Gras parade, road closings set for weekend

The Krewe of Dionysos' Mardi Gras parade will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The parade should begin in the Cane River Shopping Center near the Trail Boss Restaurant. It should then head down Highway 1 South to turn onto Keyser Avenue.

The parade should turn right onto Jefferson Street and continue onto Front Street in downtown Natchitoches. It is then planned to circle around by turning left on Texas Street and then left on Second Street to end at the intersection of Second and Church Streets.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. streets along the parade route should be closed and opened as the parade progresses. The Natchitoches Police are hoping to use barricades to control the crowd.

Beginning at 4 p.m. automobiles will not be allowed to park on Jefferson Street, Front Street, Texas Street up to Second Street and Church Street.

The parade will include local officials and a royal court, some of whom will be riding on lighted floats. The crowd will have plenty of souvenirs to catch, including cups and beads.

Aaron Pizani

Athletes charged with identity theft

By Jimmy Brown
Sauce reporter

Two of NSU's top 10 men's basketball players are facing police charges that they stole a man's identity.

Chief of Police Ralph Peters of the Natchitoches Police Department said sophomore Kerwin Forges of Natchitoches and freshman Keenan Jones of Opelousas were arrested Feb. 4 for charging more than $500 on two of the victim's credit cards from his stolen wallet.

Peters said Jones and his cousin, Charles Ray Angello Jr., also of Opelousas, were charged of stealing the wallet at Natural Mystic #2 on U.S. Highway 1.

Peters said Angello is not a student at NSU.

Peters said the purchases were made at Wal-Mart in Natchitoches.

The three men were booked and released on bond, Peters said.

If convicted, the men could receive up to 10 years in jail and or a maximum fine of $10,000, Peters said.

Peters also said a court date has not been set.

Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said since the crime took place off-campus, Forges and Jones are still able to attend their classes. The incident has not had an effect on the two students' scholarships, either.

However, Forges and Jones were suspended from playing in any games, but they are still on the team, said men's basketball Head Coach Mike McConathy.

McConathy said the ongoing suspension for the two men will remain until a formal decision is made that would best resolve the situation.

Along with the suspension, Forges and Jones must meet other disciplinary measures.

McConathy said Forges and Jones had to attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes conference last week.

The two players also have to complete daily discipline activities set up by McConathy. These activities are community service, physical work, and conditioning, McConathy said.

McConathy said Forges' and Jones' activities such as going to class, to practice, and even to go have meals must be cleared through the coaching staff.

Finally, Forges and Jones must apologize to the appropriate parties which are University President Randall Webb, the victim, and anyone else who is deemed as needing an apology.

McConathy also said he thought these disciplinary measures were better than kicking the two players off the team or to just "slap them

■ See **Theft**, pg. 2

Mayoral debate set for today

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

Incumbent Mayor Wayne McCullen and John Winston, the two candidates competing to be Natchitoches' next mayor, will debate in Kyser Hall tonight.

The SGA and The Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce are coordinating the debate, which is co-sponsored by NSU's journalism department. The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Ora Williams Television Studio.

Admission is by invitation only, said Keith Gates, commissioner of student affairs.

NSU's television station, NSU22, will broadcast the event live on cable channel 22 in Natchitoches.

Although the debate will take place on campus, it is intended to draw the attention and participation of the entire city.

"We've got a lot of involvement, not just from the students but from faculty as well... and the community. It's generating a lot of interest," Gates said.

After each candidate makes his opening statement, a three-person panel will ask the candidates questions.

Gates said these questions will come from SGA senators, NSU students, and the panel members: KSLA reporter Nordia Higgins; Editor of The Natchitoches Times Carolyn Roy; and Executive Vice President of The Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce Rick Palatia.

The SGA publicized the event through posters on campus as well as through free invitations on its weekly radio show on NSU's radio station The Demon, 91.7 FM.

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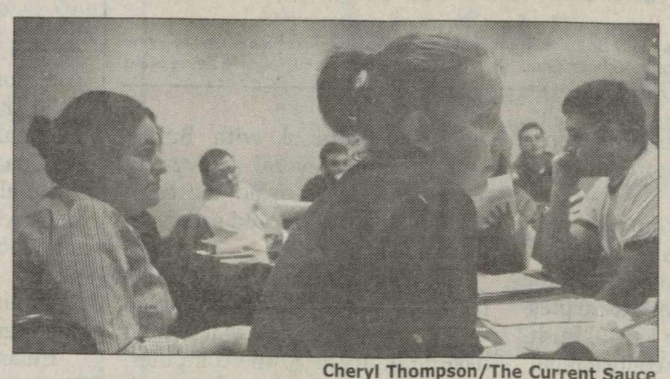


Jason Griffin/The Current Sauce

Senior theater majors Courtney Young and Wanetah Walmsley practice a dance for *Cabaret*. *Cabaret* will open March 18 in A.A. Fredricks Auditorium.

SGA supports parking resolution

Plan proposes restricting students, faculty to assigned lots



Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce

SGA senators Casey Ponder and Kelli Miller listen to discussions during Monday's meeting

By Elaine Broussard
Managing editor

Monday, the Student Government Association approved a resolution supporting the University Traffic and Parking Committee's decision to begin restricting resident parking.

Under the committee's decision, all resident students will be assigned numbered hangtags corresponding with the parking lots of their residence halls. They will only be able to legally park in their assigned lots during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Director of Student Activities and Organizations, Carl Henry, who is also the SGA advisor and chairman of the Traffic and Parking Committee, said the decision is part of a proposed pilot program designed to eventually restrict all residents, commuters, faculty and staff to assigned parking lots.

The program proposes that residents be restricted first, followed by commuters the next year, and then faculty and staff the next year.

Henry said these new restrictions will significantly help the parking problem on campus, which he said is caused by students moving their cars between classes.

"There is no campus in the United States where people can move their cars like we do," Henry said.

At the SGA meeting, Senator Jack Halford, who sponsored the resolution, reminded the senate that they were voting on a decision that was already made by the Traffic and Parking Committee.

"This isn't something that we're acting upon as the senate by telling the University to do this. This is saying that either we support what Traffic and Parking did or we don't support what Traffic and Parking did," Halford said.

For the proposal to go into effect, Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour and University President Randall Webb must approve the proposal.

Senator Casey Ponder argued against the resolution. Ponder said that she is concerned about the effect the new parking restrictions will have on residents of Dodd Hall, because of a shortage of parking for Dodd residents.

"Being an area coordinator in Dodd, I personally don't want to upset at least 200 residents. Placing my support behind this bill, no, I would never do it in a million years," Ponder said. "It's great, and it works well for all of the other residence halls. However it is a problem, and I don't want to upset the students who are already going to get their fees increased."

Halford reminded the senate that restricting resident parking is only the first phase of the proposal.

"The committee said that if we had done everything that we actually proposed, it would have caused too great of an uproar with the students, and Dr. Seymour and Dr. Webb might not have supported a decision that radical," Halford said.

The senate passed the resolution with an 11 - 5 vote.

Also, senior Amanda Almond and senior Robert Silvie were appointed to senator-at-large positions with unanimous approval of the senate.

Senate meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. Meetings are open to all students.

Corrections:

Alicia Schulz's name was incorrectly spelled in the headline and story "Alicia Schulz wins LOB." The corrected version has been re-printed on page 8.

Registrar Lillie Bell's name was misspelled in "Spring enrollment sets record."

The front page photo that showed customers in a checkout line is Le Rendezvous.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Few showers
62°/43°	60°/45°	64°/50°	65°/44°

Students head Second Stage theater season

By April Dickson
Sauce reporter

For the first time, students of NSU's theater department will direct, act in and design full-length productions for the newly formed Second Stage Season.

In addition to the productions selected by the theater department faculty, a board of seniors chose five other productions that make up the Second Stage Season.

Scott Burrell, assistant professor of theater, said, "When Dr. Held came in this year, one of the things he wanted to do was to give the students more opportunities to do shows and to do theater work, be it technical or acting or performing—it didn't matter."

Burrell said that he and theater department head Roger Held concluded that all graduating seniors would be allowed to be on the board responsible for choosing Second Stage Season acts.

Students of the theater department that want to produce a show must present a proposal to the board explaining all of the details of their show.

Second Stage board member Larry Soileau said, "Anybody in the department can write a proposal. We review these proposals and say 'Does anyone have any objections to this particular play, to the merits of the play, to what the director wants to do with this piece? Do you feel that it's worth our time and our energy?' And if everybody says yes, then we try to pack it into our schedule."

Junior theater major Adam-Louis Breaux said that the department did allow students a chance to direct before Second Season, but "it was not so pre-packaged. You had to do it all on your own."

Soileau, who is directing a play for Second Season, said, "Before this, the only

chance students got to direct was in the directing classes and those were one act plays

that were only 30 minutes long at the max, and now I'm getting to direct a two-hour play on A.A. Fredericks, our main stage."

Before the board was created, students could work on their own productions, but could not be guaranteed time and space on a stage, Breaux said.

Now the Second Season productions are given show times and places at the beginning of the semester, along with a $100 budget for expenses.

Soileau, a theater major, will be directing the first Second Season production. Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author, scheduled to run Feb. 26-28, is the story of a group of actors that show up at the rehearsal for a Pirandello play.

These actors explain to the manager that they are characters of an unfinished drama, and that they need a writer to finish their story. The manager is unable to tell acting from reality when the six characters begin acting out a scene from their story.

"When the audience comes to sit down, they're not going to know exactly when the play is going to start, or exactly when each act is finished, or perhaps when the play itself is finished because there's no lighting cues," Soileau said.

He said that no lighting is necessary for this production. All of the cast members who are playing technicians at the theater company will also be doing the technical work on the set.

Audience members will be seated on stage during the performance and the stage will look as though students are still rehearsing.

"There are some innovations—some out of creative inspiration and some out of necessity," Soileau said. "But, necessity is the mother of invention. So, our limitations and restrictions really make this a better show."

Second Season schedule:

"Six Characters in Search of an Author"
Feb. 26-28

"Blindness"
March 26-27

"Batboy"
April 17-18

"The Black Crook"
April 25-26

"Hurly-Burly"
April 29-30

Proposed registration changes give priority to disabled, honors students

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy editor

A proposed plan to change registration procedures would give top priority to students with disabilities and honors students.

However, the council of high-ranking faculty and administrators did not vote on the proposal because the chairwoman of the subcommittee who formed it could not attend the meeting.

Also, the plan has computer issues that would need to be addressed and would most likely delay any wholesale changes to early registration until Spring 2005.

The proposal, presented Monday to the Deans' Council by Faculty Senate President Ben Rushing in place of absent subcommittee chairwoman Norann Planchock, would recognize students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher as honor students and allow them to register on the first day of early registration. Also, students with disabilities who have filed the proper paperwork with the University before registration would also be allowed to register first.

These newly-defined groups would share the first day of early registration with graduating seniors and graduate students, who already register on the first day under the current policy.

Student athletes, who can now register before the rest of the student body, would be able to register on the second day of early registration under the proposed plan, and only if the student athlete has completed fewer than 60 credit hours of class.

Under the current plan, the order of the five-day early registration period is based entirely on classification with one exception — all student athletes register one day before the general student body. Graduating seniors and graduate students can register the next day, on the first day of general early registration.

On each following day, registration opens up to senior-class students who are not graduating, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen respectively.

Honor students and students with disabilities are not currently recognized as separate groups for registration and instead register based on the number of completed hours.

Students classified as seniors but who are not graduating would share the second day of early registration under the proposed plan with student athletes who have less than 60 hours of class. Student athletes with more than 60 hours would register based on their classification.

Also, student athletes — along with any other student — who meet the honors student criteria would be able to register on the first day.

Early registration rules for juniors, sophomores and freshmen would not change under the proposed plan.

This committee and its proposal were made to address concerns voiced by the Faculty Senate in December. The senate claimed the early registration privilege for student athletes were unfair to students who did not participate in sports.

"We were pretty incensed about it, and think students were too," Rushing said. He said he started asking other schools and saw what they did.

"To me, it (the proposal) is a little more palatable to the students," Rushing said.

The student athlete privilege was started in January 2003 to satisfy NCAA certification requirements. An NCAA peer review team cited NSU in December 2002 for its student athletes' problems in getting help registering for classes they need to meet continuing eligibility requirements.

Those requirements brought about the current athletes-first policy, which are in line with several universities in NSU's athletic conference, the Southland Conference.

In particular, athletic and University administrators made the change to meet the NCAA-mandated need for student athletes to complete 40 percent of a degree program within two years of college or be declared ineligible for NCAA competition.

A student athlete so declared would lose any athletic scholarships they had, as they would not be able to compete in any NCAA sport — a requirement of athletic scholarships. However, if they register for classes that conflict with athletic practice times, they would also violate scholarship requirements to attend practices.

Rushing said the committee did not address any other student organizations with similar scholarship and scheduling issues, such as band members, cheerleaders, dance line or theater students, because they did not have overriding certification issues with registration.

"The NCAA rules — that's just the way it is," Rushing said, adding that the committee had the opportunity to address other important registration issues like students with disabilities and high-GPA students.

"We want to say if you worked your way academically, you should be rewarded," Rushing said. "We wanted to make a statement that academics are important."

He stressed that the proposal remains just a proposal, as the council has yet to vote on it. He did stress that student feedback would be essential to the proposal's success.

"We need, we want student input into this process," Rushing said.

No students were members of the subcommittee, and none were present for its meeting on Feb. 3. Rushing said he and other council members can address some of the students' concerns, but noted his primary responsibility is to represent the faculty.

"What makes the faculty happy makes the students happy, and what makes the students happy makes the faculty happy," he said.

Athletic Director Greg Burke said he thought the proposal showed how well the University community works together.

"I look on it as a very positive thing that we as a campus community have worked on this together," Burke said.

He said he had not presented details of the proposal to student athletes, but was sure they would trust him and athletics academic adviser Julie Lessiter to get them into the classes needed to maintain eligibility.

Without some policy that would help student athletes register for needed classes, the athletic department could lose its NCAA certification and the privileges, prestige and money it provides.

Rushing, who was a member of the council subcommittee that created the proposal with Burke, Lessiter, and several University department heads, said the compromise proposal should satisfy all requirements.

The delays to implementing the proposal, Rushing said, were due to the scope of changes that would have to be made to the computerized registration system that faculty, staff and students use. The system would have to be recoded to recognize students with the 3.5 GPA requirement. Currently, it only allows registration by academic standing and classification.

In a separate but related proposal, Rushing said the subcommittee recommended moving the start of early registration from Tuesday to Monday. Under the current early registration rules, the five-day period starts on Tuesday and ends on the following Monday, wedging a weekend between sophomore and freshman registration.

Rushing said that students who can change their schedules through the Internet often change their class schedules over that weekend.

Freshmen who are told a class is open on Friday may show up for registration on Monday to find it closed. Rushing said making early registration fall within a single calendar week could alleviate such problems.

The Deans' Council will meet on March 8 to hear the proposal again and possibly vote on it.

Registration elsewhere

When students register at other Southland Conference schools

Lamar - Student athletes, graduating seniors and students with disabilities can all register about a week before the general student body.

Texas State - Student athletes, honor students, students with disabilities and graduates can register a day before anyone else.

Texas-San Antonio - Student athletes, honor students, Presidential Scholars, graduates, seniors whose names fall within a defined section of the alphabet, and students with disabilities can register on the first day of registration.

Nicholls - Student athletes can register with seniors a day after graduate students and honor students. However, since phone and Internet registration allows seniors to register early and fill classes quickly, Thompson said the athletic department there is trying to get student athlete registration moved a day earlier.

Sam Houston State - Student athletes can register at the same time as seniors. Honor students can register up to two weeks before everyone else.

McNeese State - After consulting an adviser, graduate students and seniors can register over the Web on the first day of a three-day priority schedule. On the second day, all students on scholarships - regardless of classification, and including TOPS - can register. Also on the second day of priority Web registration, juniors without scholarships can begin registering for classes.

Source: Helene Thill-Lamar, Tony Brubaker-Texas State, Cari Goodyear-Texas-San Antonio, Jenny Thompson-Nicholls, Christ Thompson-Sam Houston, Ed Koury-McNeese State

POLICE BLOTTER

2-11-04

1:15 p.m.
People were stuck in an elevator at Bienvenu Hall. They had to wait for a repairman and did not get out of the elevator until 4:18 p.m.

4:25 p.m.
A call was received from Russell Hall stating that there was a runaway child in Room 220. An officer was dispatched to check it out.

2-13-04

12:31 p.m.
A call was received regarding a man suspected of shoplifting from the Student Union bookstore. Statements were taken from employees. The witness who reported the theft and the suspect were both gone when officers arrived.

2-16-04

7:59 p.m.
The sheriff's office called regarding a 911 hang-up call made from campus.

8:49 p.m.
A woman from Sabine called requesting an ambulance because her roommate was having an asthma attack. EMTs were dispatched, but the subject refused to be transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

10:35 p.m.
An RA from Rapides called to report possible drug use in Room 118E.

Elizabeth Bolt



Financial Aid Office

February has been proclaimed Financial Aid Awareness Month and NSU's Financial Aid would like to stress the importance of applying EARLY for financial assistance.

The Office of Student Financial Aid will be hosting Financial Aid Awareness Day on Thursday, February 19, 2004 from 10-3 located on the second floor of the Student Union. There will be lenders on hand to answer any questions you may have concerning Stafford Loans. Forms will also be available for the upcoming 04-05 academic year.

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Tri Sigma fundraiser

All groups and organizations are invited to participate in a relay fundraiser. There will be one 4x400 relay and one 4x200 relay.

Each team must consist of four people and the cost is $10 per person on a relay team.

An additional $5 is required per person to participate in both races.

All proceeds will go to philanthropy work of Tri Sigma, specifically to benefit sick children in Dallas and North Carolina.

The race will take place Mar. 1 at the NSU track complex.

Races begin at 6 p.m. and participants should be there thirty minutes in advance.

A first place trophy will be awarded in every division for each relay race.

Make checks payable to Tri Sigma and turn them in to Rm. 214 in the Student Union.

For any questions call Linzie Ledford at 354-1516 or Jeni Anderson at 354-2661

Native American Student Organization

There will be a meeting Mar. 4 at 4 p.m. in Williamson Museum (Kyser Rm. 208).

Learn about Native American history and culture.

Contact Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-7116 or Dr. Gregory in Room 210 Kyser Hall for more details.

SGA

The SGA is now accepting applications for organizational grants.

All RSOs are eligible to apply for grants.

Grants must be used for projects/events benefiting all students of the Natchitoches NSU campus or improving the total image of the University in the Natchitoches community.

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on their wrists" and allow them to continue playing.

"It shows that we want to hold our athletes at a higher standard," McConathy said.

He also said that having guidelines will deter other athletes and students from making bad decisions.

"I think it's been an eye-opening experience," McConathy said.

Ireland said the crime was impetuous and not thought through.

Ireland mentioned that Forges and Jones were not the leaders of the crime but were followers. Ireland said the act was brought about at someone else's urging.

Ireland said that the two accused players are not bad people, nor people who are habitually in trouble.

McConathy said he has spo time with both Forges and Jon and mentioned they were regretti ashamed, and humbled by the actions.

McConathy said that the Forg and Jones were not the only one affected by this ordeal, but it ha impacted the team as well.

McConathy said the team ha been very supportive of each othe and compared the team to a fami during a tragedy.

Teammate Tramaine Hancock junior general studies major, sa he was surprised when he learne of the situation but said it ha allowed the team to come clos together.

"I love my teammates like brot ers," Hancock said.

Forges and Jones were unava able for comment.

DEBATE FROM PAGE 1

But Gates admitted that, despite the SGA's efforts, "it's hard to gauge interest on this campus."

NSU students voiced mixed opinions on the debate, as well as their interest in the election.

Phillip Douget, a freshman history major, said that he did not really have any interest in the event despite the fact that he is a registered voter in Natchitoches. Douget said he plans to vote for "the black guy."

Michael Odum, a junior biology pre-med major, said that he is not registered to vote in Natchito and is apathetic about the deba

"I've got 19 hours of scho can't keep up with that stu Odum said.

Sophomore aviation ma Robert Jackson, also not registe to vote in Natchitoches, said t he had no knowledge of the deb or the campaign other than candidates.

However, he did express that "really would've been interested more information concerning

The mayoral election is March

More youth are heading to polls but apathy still dominates

Courtesy KRT Campus

SAN FRANCISCO — Georgy Russell, 27, made headlines across the country in the fall for selling thong underwear to finance her campaign for governor in California's recall contest. She persuaded 2,216 people to support her, but she still can't persuade her younger sister, Sophie, to tune in to politics.

Such is the dilemma of the youth vote. While the potential payoff is immense — about 1 in 5 eligible voters is younger than 30, according to the University of Maryland's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement — getting those voters to turn out can be difficult, even when they're related to the candidate.

Young voters are notoriously hard to turn out at the polls. In presidential election years from 1972 to 2000, the turnout rate declined by 13 percentage points among voters 18-24 years old, according to the University of Maryland. In 2000, 42 percent of voters 18-24 years old voted, while 70 percent of citizens 25 and older did.

If recent surveys are any indication, however, 2004 could be the year that younger voters make an impact. More young people say they plan to vote in this year's presidential contest than four years ago. And a new series of initiatives spearheaded by such diverse players as Hollywood producer Norman Lear to wrestling superstar Bradshaw are focused on making it happen.

A recent MTV poll conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates found that 4 out of 10 of the 18- to-24-year-olds surveyed said they will "definitely vote" in the next presidential election — up nearly 30 percent from 2000. A survey by Harvard University's Institute of Politics found two-thirds of college students were registered to vote and 82 percent of those said they planned to vote this year.

"It's clear that there's a lot of young interest this year," said Ara Khachatourian, the media director for MTV's Rock the Vote campaign, which is entering its 14th year. "The economy and, of course, 9-11 and war in Iraq have really engaged folks. This year they're pausing and looking at issues outside of their immediate realm."

Early signs are promising: Exit polls taken during the Iowa caucuses in mid-January showed voter turnout among those younger than 30 almost doubled to 17 percent, from 9 percent in 2000. The number of voters younger than 30 was higher than that of the 30- to 44-year-old crowd.

Even so, young voters aren't a sure bet.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was among the first of the 2004 field to use the Internet to reach college students and other young people. His Web site includes a separate section targeted at younger voters, called Generation Dean. But the early buzz on college campuses hasn't been enough to help him win a primary or caucus.

Four years ago, Nima Niakan, a 28-year-old Silicon Valley techie was like many young professionals with good civic intentions. He registered to vote and planned to support Al Gore. But when Election Day rolled around, he was busy and never made it to the polls. At the time it wasn't a priority.

Four years later, things had changed. Niakan's still busy — but he's also grown increasingly disenchanted with the Bush administration.

"I don't like the `We're going to do it our way' approach," he said. "I'm a person who's traveled to 10 or 15 countries over the last three years, and I've found that that policy reflects back on me. I get subjected to questions about what Bush does."

This year he vowed to do more than just vote; he was going to participate. Niakan became the San Francisco coordinator for C Company, the Wesley Clark effort to attract young professionals. C Company campaigned for Clark through e-mail and the popular Craig's List Web site. Gatherings were held at apartments or hip nightspots.

Other nonpartisan efforts are joining forces to reach out to young voters in 2004.

Producer Lear's initiative, "Declare Yourself," includes tours of 18 different college campuses. The group has also linked with Friendster, the popular Web networking site to launch "voter parties" featuring cast members from MTV's "The Real World."

"We're really trying to reach young people where they live, work and play using popular culture," said Declare Yourself spokeswoman Christy Salcido. "Research shows it's important to get them early."

World Wide Entertainment's effort — "Smackdown Your Vote" — includes voter registration drives at wrestling events. The drive will culminate at WrestleMania XX in New York next month.

Russell, who's mulling a run for city council in Mountain View, Calif., if she doesn't get into business school, said getting young people's attention can be difficult, but it can be done. The key is talking to them, she said, not at them.

As for Niakan, he's still engaged. His mission now is to get his younger brother, Navid, to register to vote.

"Maybe something will happen," he said. "It's all about having the conversation."

From professional wrestlers to spoken-word artists, many nonpartisan groups and celebrities have kicked off aggressive campaigns to reach out to young people this year. Here are some Web sites to learn more about their efforts:

www.smackdownyourvote.com

www.declareyourself.com

www.rockthevote.com

www.youthvote.org

www.stateofthevote.org

Degree program seeks approval

By Kyle Carter
Sauce reporter

The Department of Social Sciences has been working to earn final approval for a new graduate-level degree program in heritage resources management.

The new degree will be offered to students with backgrounds in history, anthropology, archaeology and geography as an interdisciplinary program to train students to manage parks, museums, scientific dig cites and historic buildings.

The program will incorporate studies in management, law and writing. Students who finish the program should learn how to manage these heritage resources by being able to preserve and interpret them for the public.

Also, students will be taught how to apply for grants from federal agencies and about laws affecting heritage resources.

"It's a heritage management program," H.F. "Pete" Gregory, professor of anthropology and curator of Williamson Museum, said. "It is an interdisciplinary program to deal with cultural heritage issues."

Courses will include a series of team-taught classes that will bring together all aspects involved in the study of heritage resources.

For example, students in the program will take a readings and theory class that will look at how each discipline involved with heritage resources comes together to create an image for interpretation and preservation for the public.

> *"We are trying to give our kids a real three-dimensional grasp on how to approach heritage resources."*
>
> **Susan Dollar**
> Associate professor of American history

The teaching teams will be made up of professors who specialize in different fields of heritage resources and will try to incorporate all fields of study in this area.

Students will be taught by the teams to make use of all levels of heritage resources in order to manage teams of historians, scientists, archeologists and anthropologists.

"We are trying to give our kids a real three-dimensional grasp on how to approach heritage resources," Susan Dollar, associate professor of American history, said.

Part of the program's appeal comes from Natchitoches itself.

The city is one of the oldest settlements in the Louisiana Purchase, and there are several parks, museums, and historic buildings in the area, as well as the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training located on Northwestern's campus.

Part of the degree program will involve gaining an internship with one of the local heritage resource centers in town. By doing this, it is hoped that students will get real-world experience working with heritage resources by having to follow federal regulations, making sure that items are properly maintained and learning to gain and work with funds allocated for the job.

"Natchitoches and Northwestern State University are in a unique position," Byrd said. "We ought to be able to offer a program of this nature."

Byrd said the program has not yet been approved, but the department has been working with employers in the field of heritage resources as well as other similar study programs to plan out the curriculum.

They hope that by doing so students will be trained in what they need to do to manage heritage resource areas.

Dollar said that the program is meant to teach students what they need to know in order to get a job as a heritage resource manager. If given final approval, the program should be ready by the spring of 2005.

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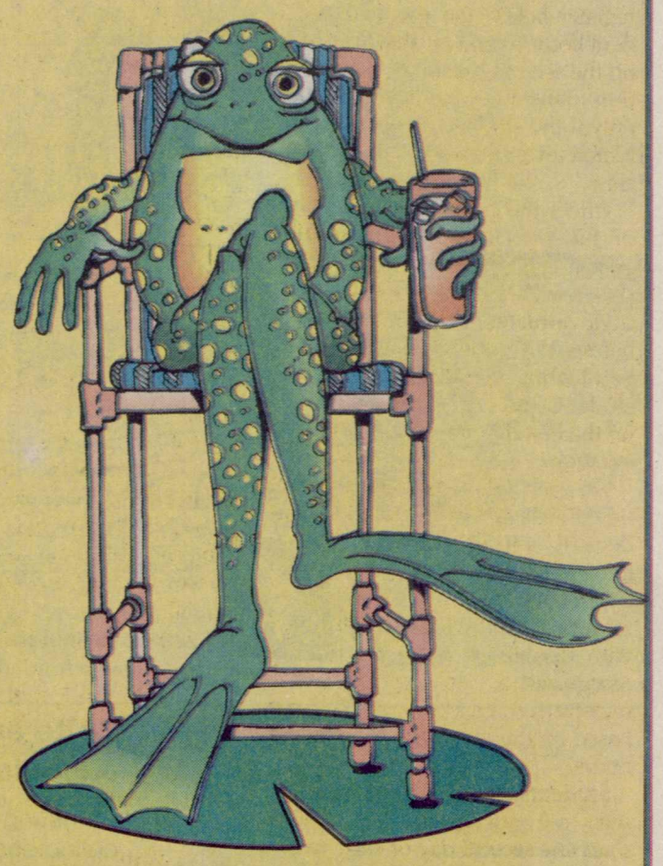
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Dean ends campaign for White House

Courtesy KRT Campus

Howard Dean, who just six weeks ago seemed to have the Democratic presidential nomination in his grasp, dropped out of the race Wednesday, declaring that he would convert his Internet-built campaign into a permanent movement to "take back our country for ordinary Americans."

As a candidate, Dean lost 17 straight primaries and caucuses over the past four weeks after leading in the polls for much of last year and in early January. "I am no longer actively pursuing the presidency," he told 250 hushed supporters in a hotel ballroom.

But Dean suggested he still would like to win votes and accumulate delegates in the coming primaries in order to have a voice in the party's direction. Noting that his name will remain on primary ballots, he urged backers to "participate" in the rest of the nomination process. "Use your network to send progressive delegates to the convention in Boston," he said. "We are not going away."

On the other hand, Dean said he wouldn't offer a third-party bid for the White House and urged his followers not to be "tempted" into supporting an independent candidate. "The bottom line is we must beat George Bush," he said.

Dean has won 202 delegates so far. The 104 who were chosen in primaries or caucuses are pledged to vote for him on the first ballot in Boston, but the 98 who are "superdelegates" — party leaders and elected officials who had only to declare that they would support Dean — are free to change their allegiance at any time.

In bowing out, Dean sought to frame his campaign's accomplishments for posterity. He said his message — confronting President Bush — had emboldened the other Democrats to assail the "special interests" in Washington.

"We have demonstrated to other Democrats that it is a far better thing to stand up to the right-wing agenda of George W. Bush than to cooperate with it," Dean said. "We have led this party back to considering what its heart and soul is."

Aides said Dean had no immediate plans to endorse another candidate, though he has had kind words recently for Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, and the two have talked since Sunday. Edwards and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, a particular target of Dean's barbs on the campaign trail, praised the former Vermont governor Wednesday for energizing the Democratic base.

"He has done an extraordinary job of invigorating a whole group of people who were divorced from the political process," Kerry said in Dayton, Ohio, calling Dean's campaign innovative. Kerry said he was unconcerned about his rival's attacks, saying he often regretted things he said in the heat of the moment. "That's the way life is," Kerry said. "We're going to be unified."

Edwards, in a statement, said Dean "has energized and revolutionized this race, and excited a whole new generation of young Americans. He deserves our thanks."

SGA Minutes

Call to Order 7:01 p.m.
The prayer was led by Beau Boudreaux.
The pledge was led by Patrick Feller.

Present:
Matt Bartley
Jeff Bergeron
Abby Brocato
Matt Burroughs
Patrick Feller
Dustin Floyd
J.Keith Gates
Jack Halford
Kelli Menard
Mindy McConnell
Casey Ponder
Zach Pulliam
Alan Sypert
Shantel Wempren
Jerry Whorton

Absent:
Craig DeSoto
Kelli Miller

Patrick Feller moves to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion seconded and passed by general consent.

Perry Martin from Aramark spoke and introduced Ronnie Guillory, who runs retail. There was a question and answer period for everyone at the meeting.

Craig Desoto entered.

Kelli Miller entered.

Treasurer's Report Edward "Beau" Boudreaux: The Budget will come out next week again.

VP Report Scott Manguno: It's nice to see people in the office again. Keep up the good work.

President Report Greg Comeaux: We're in the second week of February, and we're on bill number eight. Start working on more legislation. Be thinking about the trust fund. I want to introduce Amanda Almond and Robert Sylvie. They'll be up for senate appointment tonight.

Academic Affairs Mindy McConnell: I'm going to move my meeting time because nobody goes. The new time is Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

External Affairs Patrick Feller: First off, I'm absolutely excited for the mayoral debate. We've done flyers, posters, mass emails to every student. It's going well. The SGA website is up and running, courtesy of Robert. I just have to say I'm excited in that regard. There's a link to the SGA forums on the website. I have handouts about it.

Fiscal Affairs Edward "Beau" Boudreaux: We met today. The club sports meeting is Wednesday at 3 p.m. Internal fee review meets alternate Mondays at 6 p.m. We need to appoint three people to organizational grants: Jerry, Jeff and Kelli Miller. We have a bill up tonight regarding organizational grants. It moves the timeline. I encourage you to pass it.

Internal Affairs Zach Pulliam: We talked about a couple of bills coming up after the break. The first 19 bills from last semester are in your boxes. If you have questions, go to Casey.

Casey Ponder: I put all the bills from 1990 to 2001 in a binder. It is organized by year.

Student Affairs Keith Gates: We had a short meeting due to the WRAC tour today. Could I get a list of who all is in my department? The WRAC is going to just about double in size. It's going to be a big place. Monday we are adopting guidelines for the WRAC. The Mayoral debate is Thursday. The dress is nice. If you haven't gotten your invitation see Gregg. And please email your question. We have two, but they were from Dr. Aichenger.

Graduate Advisor's Report David Gunn: I met with Mr. Winston and went over the guidelines for the mayoral debate. They will both be briefed by the debate.

The fear that I have is that there will be duplicate questions. Wednesday afternoon we'll get together and finalize plans.

I'm excited about the web page going up this afternoon.

If you're an SGA member, get to the debate no later than 6 p.m at the latest.

We're nominating a new COSGA delegate tonight, male of female. After the meeting, see me for the insurance release you have to sign.

Rusty Broussard is here tonight. We'll have a short seminar/meeting about campaigns following this.

Advisor's Report Mr. Henry: I want to welcome back Rusty. The million dollar budget the SGA is working with today is because of what he and those guys did. In traffic and parking, there was a proposal to do away with the traffic light on campus. We voted it down. There will be no left turn between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. next semester. There will be new lot numbering and a pilot program restricting all residents to the lot in which they live. The next year commuter restrictions, then the next year, all faculty and staff. There will be student ticket writing soon. That means more tickets. If approved, it will be in effect next fall. It will create about 10 to 15 student jobs. This is just in its infant stages.

Discussion among senators and Mr. Henry.

The WRAC is going to be the best recruiting and retention tool this school has ever had. Construction is coming along on the rooms on the bottom level.

Discussion.

I think the parking changes are needed. At other universities you'll find, nobody lets people move cars like us. They are also thinking about blocking the center of campus between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Gates: We're looking at putting in a new entrance which will empty out onto the bypass. It will only be for special occasions such as football games.

More Discussion about prospective parking plans.

Henry: We need to get publicity out for filings. Patrick, we need five big signs.

SAB Report Shantel Wempren: SAB passed three or four pieces of legislation. They spent $2600 this week. There are two events this week @ Bozeman and Rapides dormitories. One is Mardi Gras, and one is a dominoes tournament.

Supreme Court Report Kristin Huben: Welcome Rusty.

Unfinished Business

Jack Halford moved to approve amendment to SP04-004. Seconded, discussed and passed by general consent.

Discussion about SP04-004.

Keith Gates moved to close discussion. 14 yes, 1 no.

Motion to pass resolution SP04-004 passed by roll call vote.

New Business

Kelli moved to approve organization grants committee. It is seconded and passed by general consent.

Nomination of new COSGA delegates. Nominees are Jerry Whorton, Abby Broccato and Beau Boudreaux.

Ballot Vote.

Runoff between Jerry and Abby.

Amanda Almond and Robert Sylvie are nominated for senate. Candidates introduce themselves then leave the room for the vote.

Discussion.

Both candidates pass by general consent.

New Senators Almond and Sylvie swear oath of office.

Legislation SP04-006 moved and seconded. Vote by hands. 15 yes. Motion passes.

Legislation SP04-008 moved by Mindy McConnell. Seconded. Discussion. Robert Sylvie moves to close discussion. Seconded. 11 yes to close discussion. 3 no.

Motion passes by roll call vote. 13 yes, 2 no.

COSGA delegate named as Abby following ballot count.

Annoucements

Kristin Huben: Thursday the 19th at 5 p.m. in Russell Hall is the Disney Program meeting.

Greg Comeaux: There are 15 mayoral debate invitations left for students. See me before Thursday.

David Gunn: The campaign seminar is after this.

Robert Sylvie: Send me your profile information for the web site.

Beau Boudreaux: Organizational grants are out. I'm selling tickets for the American Chemical Society. Brunch for two at the Mariners.

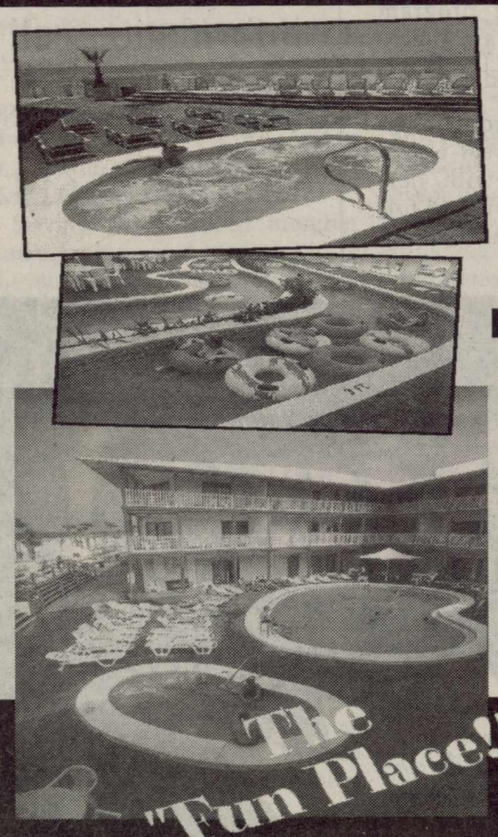
Kelli Miller: Media board guidelines discussion at meeting Wednesday.

Alan Sypert: Club sports meeting Friday at 3 p.m. Hockey club has a tournament this weekend and next.

Robert Sylvie: I move to adjourn the meeting. Seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Column



By Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief

If you look on page 10, there is a re-run of the Alicia Schulz-Lady of the Bracelet story. I am doing this because her name was misspelled on the front page last week. This should have been right the first time, but I made a mistake, and I am correcting it.

My next concern is the lack of student participation on this campus. There were several advertisements for the Current Sauce blind date over the past few issues. I received quite a few applications from men, but not a single entry from women. Ladies, this bothers me. Is it that embarrassing to go on a blind date, or are you afraid that the Current Sauce may make you look like a fool? I assure you we will not make you look like a fool.

So, I am going to get a little daring now. Hold on to your seats.

I am extending the blind date deadline for ladies only. I have chosen a male participant and he has agreed to go. Ladies, I spoke to him just this morning and he seems eager to participate. And he is normal. Just remember, until readers get involved with the paper, we can't have fun. This blind date is supposed to be fun for students to read.

Everyone have a safe Mardi Gras. There are seven more Current Sauce issues to come out under my editorship.

For my fellow Sex and the City lovers: May Carrie get back together with Mr. Big and all will be well.

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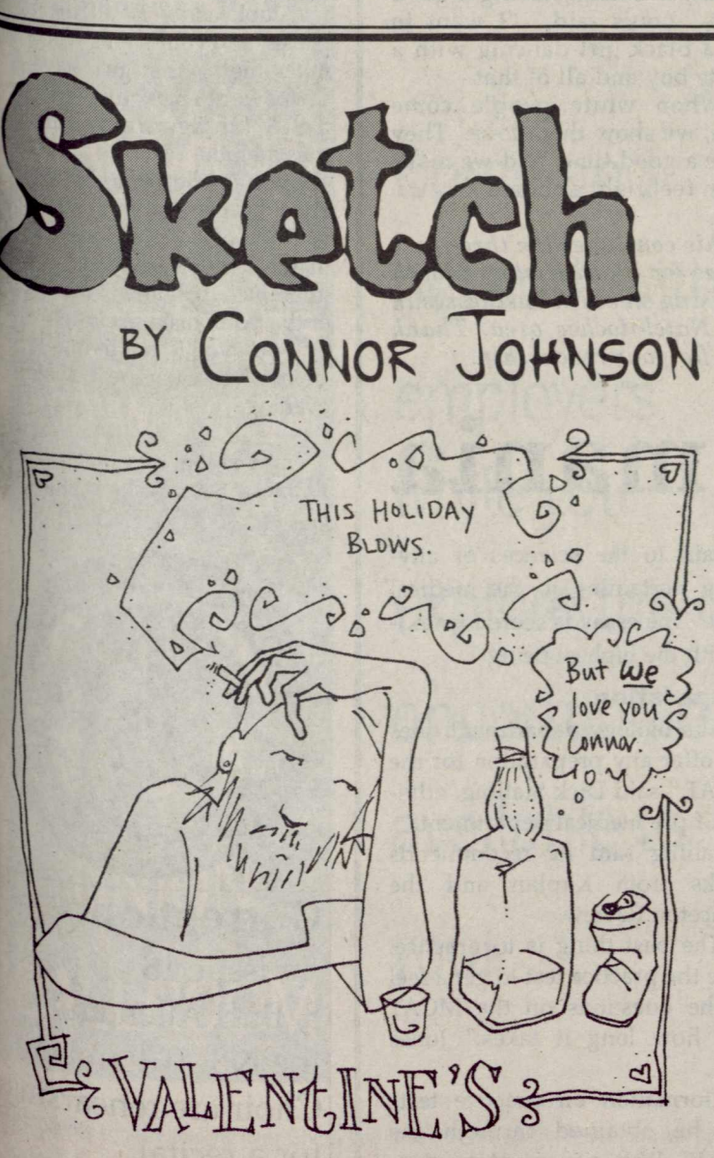
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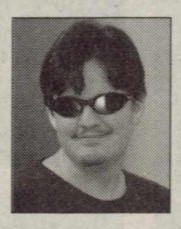
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Column

FILLER

The Circus



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

"The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum... That gives people the sense that there's free thinking going on, while all the time the presuppositions of the system are being reinforced by the limits put on the range of the debate"

-Noam Chomsky

I'm writing this week's column for my mother, a satellite TV subscriber and avowed Cable News Addict. The various talking heads of the upper 300s have become like family at our house; Chris Matthews has sparked many a bonding moment between my Southern Baptist, Republican, preschool teaching mother and I, but we can't watch that braying ass Pat O'Reilly together anymore (sorry, Mom, but he's an idiot!).

These days I get my news online, where the bias is a bit less strangling, but I still leave the reruns of the evening talk shows on while I work at my night job. It's with the same bizarre mixture of fascination and disgust that makes people watch things like "Fear Factor" that I sample the spin-happy opinion-mongering of Hannity & Colmes' Fox "Fair and Balanced If You're Right Wing" News, and it is with respect for a true asshole that I watch as Chris Matthews of MSNBC's "Hardball" puts the screws to absolutely everybody brave enough to talk to him. This week, however, I want to talk about the little things.

I'll take an example that particularly got under my skin a couple of weeks back from Neil Cavuto. Howard Dean said on Jan. 7 that his faith led him to support civil unions between gay people, and Neil Cavuto, before going to commercial that night, announced that interview over soundless footage of Dean with the subtitle "Howard Dean Says God Told Him Gay Marriage OK," which really just speaks for itself. When they returned, they didn't run the interview but instead immediately launched into commentary on Dean's support of gay marriage, which would politically hurt him because most of the country is against gay marriage blah blah blah. This isn't just sensationalism, this is blatant misreporting.

The icing on the cake is that Dean said in that very interview that he supports civil unions and specifically not gay marriage. Go look it up, online. When I look at the hundred little implicit lies of mass media journalism, I like to think that most people noticed when the people who load trucks with explosives and drive them into buildings went from being "suicide bombers" to being "homicide bombers." At the same time I wonder if most people are just happy to get what they pay for: the circus.

By the way, to demonstrate just how subtle bias can be, I support Howard Dean, and I left out something he said in that interview that could have actually damaged his campaign a bit. Find out for yourself.

The fall of creationism got a couple of you talking, but I'm nowhere near the account size limit at SauceFiller@hotmail.com

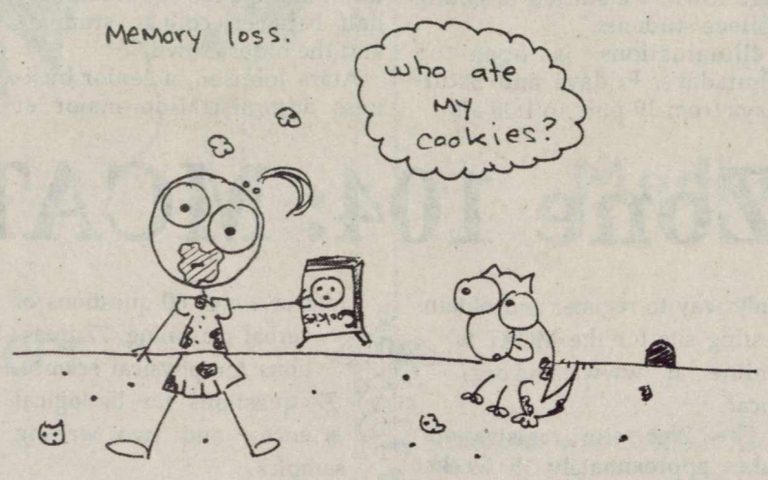
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Gary Hart, US Senator

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I suffer from short term memory loss.



Theresa Dollmann

Column

A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

A question of rights



By Shantel M. Wempren

Never mind the point/counterpoint on this issue. I ask you, who has the right to deny anyone happiness in this of all nations?

Let us review the Pledge of Allegiance (of the United States): "...with liberty and justice for all." Students learn the Pledge of Allegiance very early in life. But what does it really mean? Better yet, does it mean anything at all anymore?

It seems as though everywhere I turn, someone in Washington, D.C., is trying to take away one more of my freedoms or make one more law that I have to abide by.

And yet I feel as though I must point out that no, I do not hate my government, nor do I hate my country. Instead, I love my government and my country that allows me to speak freely, and so I shall.

What liberty-loving American dares to take another American's rights away?

The gay rights issue is not my soapbox. However, I am offended when legislators take it upon themselves to decide whom another person may or may not love. Our country has come a long way in the two centuries since its founding, but not far enough. Look at how long it took us to overcome slavery and segregation. People are still prejudiced against other people who look different or believe things that are different from their own beliefs.

And please, can we leave religion out of this? God may be in the constitution, but not everyone in the world or even the United States believes in the same god.

As long as the actions of one person do not harm another, then who are we to question those actions? We may not agree, but we don't have to. This is America. Americans are free to make their own decisions; the most we may do is complain freely when we disagree with someone or something. And we do. But for our government to make laws preventing the union of two people who love each other is not only an abomination but an insult to freedom.

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Letters to the Editor

Keep Tradition Alive

As a student of Stephen F. Austin State University I am unsure if the students and faculty at Northwestern State University are aware of the debate that has been brewing over the Chief Caddo statue here in Nacogdoches. Before it seemed as though it was a minor scuffle but now the possibility of ending the 44 year tradition has been raised. SFA's Native American Club and Multicultural Center, in short, argue that the tradition is offensive, and plays on the stereotypes of "Indians". You can find more information in a letter written to The Pine Log (SFA's publication) at www.thepinelog.com.

The fact that an individual named Chief Caddo never existed is no secret. The story of the establishment on the towns of Nacogdoches and Natchitoches varies according to different historical documents yet it has been established that the story we know is, just that, a story. It is a fairy tale that has been embellished over the years from loose knowledge we had of the Caddo Indians. Now that we know more, the story we once knew of an Indian Chief sending his two sons to establish settlements that became Nacogdoches and Natchitoches is false.

It has enhanced SFA and NSU's tradition of battling for the Chief Caddo statue. So if very little of the story of the statue isn't true, then why has it become such an issue?

When the statue was created in 1940, the knowledge of the Caddo Indians was scarce. The origin of the story we know today is also in question so why should we stop believing what we have known for so long? We recognize that it is not true and even in the times that we thought it was no one had the malicious intent to win in order to capture the "Indian". The statue was created in 1940 to honor a man we thought existed and to honor his people. It was never made so that we could battle over possession of the "Indian".

Finally, the Native American club speaks of stereotypes. I would agree that there is a stereotype of the traditional "Indian" but not today's "Native American". Would it make a difference to carve off the headdress of the statue, carve a smile onto his face, and dress him in proper attire? Would it even be an issue if it was a statue of a European-American explorer? No, because the Euro-Americans never faced injustices like the Native Americans so it would be deemed acceptable.

The statue would not have been made if its purpose was to discriminate Native Americans. Free speech was rampant in the 70's, 80's, and 90's yet it is only the newest generation of Native Americans who seem to oppose this statue. Everyone feels the deepest regrets for the events that took place long ago when Texas was becoming a state. But it doesn't give Native Americans the right to use that history to justify disbanding a 44 year tradition. Too many people lay down and admit fault to claims brought up by minorities in fear that they will be labeled a racist because of whatever injustice their ancestors suffered. But I'm not lying down. I am proud to be a Lumberjack and enjoyed learning of our 44 year tradition at my freshman orientation. And if you agree with what I have written I ask that you send a letter of support to KeepTraditionAliveSFA@yahoo.com so that we can take the next step in this ongoing debate.

Rustin Rawlings, SFA Freshman

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POP Culture

You Got Served

Get served

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If you were heartbroken over the B2K breakup, then perk up and head to your local movie theater for one last fix. *You Got Served* serves up a great deal of emotion, friendship, puppy love and dancing.

Like most coming-of-age movies, there are self-conflicts, conflicts with family and friends, and, of course, romance.

But is that what you really want to know about? Of course not — it's the dancing that intrigued you from the first trailer. The mix of choreography, break dancing and straight pop and lock was *muy caliente*. The different "crews" bring their A-game to compete at the Warehouse, where they danced for the "money in the hat."

Elgin (played by Marques Houston) and David (played by Omarion of B2K) have the crew to beat. They have the fire moves, the best crew and run the Warehouse until one of their members sells them out and joins another crew, which does not sit well, especially since he stole all of their moves, showed them to his new crew and caused them to lose a big competition and the big money.

This is where the drama begins. Now, I won't tell you too much more other than there is a romance budding, a friendship lost, a friend lost, and someone getting served (duh).

So gather your friends and head over to the movies, I promise you will want to start up your own crew, battle it out with other crews and make it "straight hood."

The movie stars B2K, Steve Harvey, Marques Houston, Megan Freeman, Megan Goode and Jackee' Harris, and cameo appearances by Lil' Kim and Wade Robson.

Concert today in Magale Hall

By Willie Valrie
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The School of Creative and Performing Arts will sponsor the annual Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony concert in Magale Recital Hall today at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Demuynck, director of orchestral studies at NSU, said the 50-piece ensemble will perform "Swan Lake," a signature classical music piece by the late Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky.

"It is one of the most famous ballets there is," Demuynck said. "It is full of wonderful melodies, and people will recognize it if they are not familiar with the title."

This concert will also feature winners of the Student Concerto Competition, including French horn player Jessica Price, soprano singer Wendy Morgan, and tuba player Eric Leday. Price will perform the first movement of Mozart's Horn Concerto #4. Morgan will sing "Glitter and be Gay", from Leonard Bernstein's opera Candide and Leday will play the first movement of Vaughn Williams' tuba concerto.

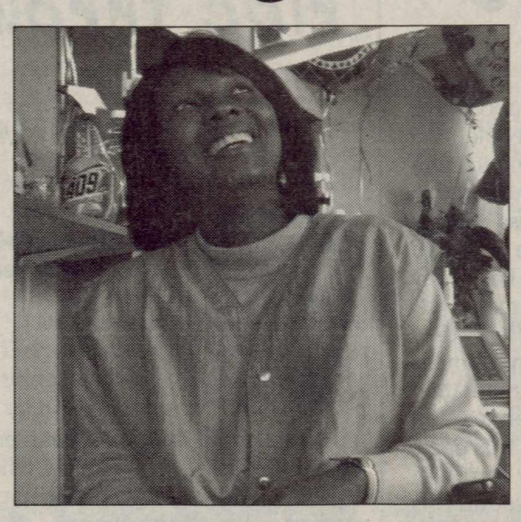
The concert will also feature the world premiere of a piece written by Demuynck called Kaleidoscope.

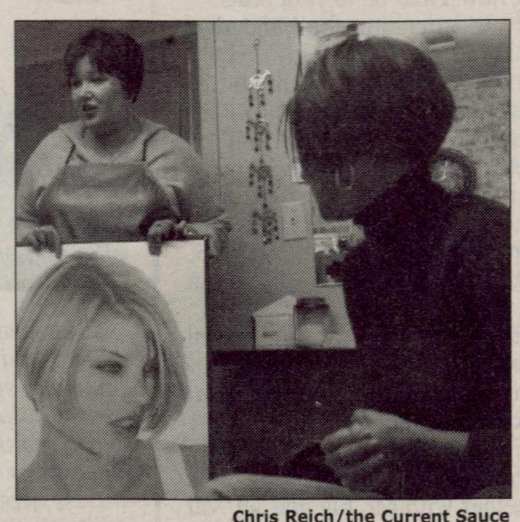
Demuynck said that harmonic color is where sections of the music that have chords change with each instrument.

The piece will feature a prominent saxophone solo, played by saxophonist Joey Siciliano.

The concert will be free to the public. For more information, contact Demuynck at 357-5792.

Ebony meets Ivory:
The grand piano of haircare





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(Left) Phyllis Swafford, owner and stylist at Sister 2 Sister, takes a break. (Center) Swafford's set of Marcelle curling irons. (Right) Susan Verzwyvelt and Lori Swindle, stylists at Trendsetters, show a picture of a hair cut called the bob.

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When it comes to culture, a black person's hair is very different. Two local beauty salons give tips to students of both cultures on how to maintain their mane.

Renee Gillam, a senior nursing major, said she prefers to keep her hairstyle simple while attending class.

"I keep my hair in braids so I don't have to mess with it," Gillam said. "I just spray with braid spray and go."

Braids are just one of the popular and easy hair styles recommended by a local black beauty shop.

Phyllis Swafford, owner and stylist for 14 years at Sister 2 Sister Beauty Shoppe, answers all the questions about the black salon.

Swafford said a black person's hair is very different than that of any other ethnicity. It is coarse, dry and thick and needs to be taken care of fairly regularly. Also, it takes a lot more heat to curl or straighten a black person's hair.

Swafford said when black hair grows the roots become fuzzy, a condition called "nappy." In order to soften the roots and leave strands straight and easier to style, a perm must be applied. To a white person, this would be a chemical treatment that leaves hair curly, but to a black person, it means smooth and silky tresses. Without chemicals, hair can be unmanageable and unattractive.

Swafford said black hair does not grow as quickly as white people's hair and must be deeply conditioned in order to keep it from breaking. However, it is not necessary to use oil-based products. Even though black hair is dry it can stay healthy without the aid of any greasy products if thoroughly conditioned and protected with thermo-crèmes before heat-styling. The two most used products are Nioxin and Tea Tree Oils by Paul Mitchell. These products are recommended because they will keep black tresses moisturized without saturating strands with oil.

"Most people that come into the shop complaining of dry and itchy scalps expect me to say they need to drench their hair and scalps in olive oil or something, but that's not what I would say," Swafford said. "A clean scalp is a healthy scalp. If you shampoo and condition your hair regularly, you won't have to worry about it."

Swafford said a factor in the breakage of black hair in Natchitoches is the water. Because of the chemicals the city uses in the water, permed black hair can become brittle.

Roller wraps, layers, straw-curls and red-highlights are also some

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Black Focus: Illuminations

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Illuminations, a popular nightclub in Natchitoches where many NSU students spend their free time, originally began with a dare between friends.

Natchitoches resident Ron Bolton said that seven years ago, his favorite club, then known as The Spot, was always overcrowded. He said the owner of The Spot used to brag that nobody could compete with his club.

Bolton soon decided that he wanted to start his own club by revamping an old building that used to be a truck stop, but his friends dared him that he could not do it.

"The building was nothing but a shell, actually," Bolton said. "It had no back wall, it had no walls inside, and it had a big gaping hole in the front of the wall, and I said, 'That place would be a good club.' My friends were like, 'No there's no way you can make that a club.'"

Bolton's bankers warned him that the average life-span of a nightclub is about a year and a half. This did not discourage him. Bolton said seven years later, Illuminations is still a profitable business.



Elaine Broussard/*the* Current Sauce

Tamara Nora, a bartender at Illuminations, mixes drinks for customers.

Bolton said when he first opened Illuminations, he targeted an older crowd rather than college students.

"The older crowd tends to tire of things," Bolton said. "It gets old real quick. This being a college town, we started targeting college students."

Illuminations is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Tamara Nora, a bartender at Illuminations, said that Thursday nights are when the most NSU students go to the club.

"On Thursdays, 80 percent of the people here are college students," Nora said. "On Saturdays, though, it's about half and half between college students and the older crowd."

Atara Johnson, a senior business administration major at NSU, is also a bartender at Illuminations. She said she enjoys her job because she gets to party and work at the same time.

"The hours are tough, though," Johnson said. "By the time we get everything cleaned up, it's 2:30, and then I have to get up for class on Friday when I work Thursday nights."

Ronnie Louis, also known as DJ Sho, has been working at Illuminations for three years, and he said his job comes naturally to him.

"I do what I love," said Louis. "A lot of people just work, but when you have a job doing something you love, it's just like breathing."

Louis said that he is discouraged by the fact that Illuminations has been labeled a club that only black people attend.

"I want to see all races and cultures together, slapping hands, drinking, having a good time," Louis said. "I want to see a black girl dancing with a white boy and all of that.

"When white people come here, we show them love. They have a good time, and we make them feel right at home."

This concludes the three part series for Black History Month focusing on black businesses in the Natchitoches area. Thank you for your readership.

Testing Zone 104: MCAT mania

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Students hoping to achieve a future as a medical doctor must master the MCAT before entering medical school.

The Medical College Admission Test is a standardized, multiple-choice test designed to assess problem solving, critical thinking and writing skills. Students planning to take the exam must also know science concepts, such as biology and chemistry, and other principles of medicine.

According to the Association of Medical Colleges, the test is given in April and August each year. According to AAMC, the only way to register and obtain testing sits for the MCAT is online at www.aamc.org/mcat.

The Web site registration takes approximately 15 weeks prior to each test date. Registration for April MCAT opens on or about Jan. 5 and the August MCAT opens on or about May 3.

The cost of the MCAT is $190. AAMC Fee Assistance Program provides assistance for students with financial need. Students applying for to the program must go to the AAMC Web site for the application.

The Test

According to the AAMC, the MCAT is approximately 6-8 hours. The test is divided into four sections: 60 questions of verbal reasoning, 77 questions for physical science, 77 questions for biological sciences, and two writing samples.

"Certain parts of the biology and physical science sections were difficult for me," Amanda Jones, senior scholar pre-med major said.

Each section is scored from 1-15 with the highest score being 15. Each score is added together to create an overall score with the highest being 45.

According to AAMC web, site the writing section provides a specific topic that requires an expository response. The topics for the writing sample do not pertain to the sciences or anything pertaining to the medical field. The essay is scored from J-T with the highest being T.

Preparation

"The biology department does not offer any preparation for the MCAT," said Dick Stalling, advisor of pre-medical department.

Stalling said he recommends books from Kaplan and the Princeton Review.

"The best thing is to practice. Take the practice test to get a feel of the questions on the MCAT and how long it takes," Jones said.

Information on practice tests can be obtained through the AAMC Web site or at www.e-mcat.com.

Fashionable Focus



Raquel Hill

What's your club style?

"You can find me in da club..." I say that 50 Cent has got a point. If you want to be easy to spot in the club, then you need to get reacquainted with your club style and find out what it says about you. So ladies, here are your categories:

1. Simply Sexy

A "Simply Sexy" gal may find themselves in the club with a pair of sexy flattering jeans (not fat-ering; baggy is so not in!) and an attractive top. A clean-cut, white, collared, French-cuff button-down, cotton blouse is oh-so-sexy. White will accentuate your curves, and if you leave the top three buttons undone, you'll find yourself with some eye-catching cleavage. All mouths will drop at the sight of your Marilyn Monroe curves. For lagniappe, strut with some dark-colored pumps or heeled boots and adorn your necklines, ears and wrists with some turquoise jewelry. This ensemble will let others know that you're confident, powerful, classy and simply sexy.

Your poise exudes elite beauty and reminds others that you're just as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside.

2. Short and Sweet

When you put on a sweet little miniskirt and pair it with a cropped, cold-shoulder top or colorful chiffon blouse with genie sleeves, be sure to keep your accessories to a minimum! Too much can lead to a fashion overdose and kill the good vibe around you. Put on some flat sandals or a cool fringed belt and you will rule the night.

This club outfit tells others that you are all about having fun. You've got a good time going on, and you are always on the lookout for an even better one. Your "short and sweetness" radiates a sort of naughty-but-nice vibe and invites everyone around you to have a fabulous night.

3. Dark Diva

Black: it is what one wears to assume a mysterious facade. Wearing an all black get-up is just plain striking. The darkness of your style allows you to play up your do with a good amount of accessories and an attractive hairstyle. When a woman wears black to the club, others look at them and think, "What is she up to?"

Not only is black sexy and mysterious, it's slimming! You will look curvy in all the right places, and your stems will seem miles high. You, girl, have got the power to reel others in to see if they can figure out your little masquerade.

Once you determine what club style best suits you, style the heck out of it and make every eye in the venue turn your way. I guarantee that when you discover the fashionista sex kitten within you, you'll be living in 50 Cent's lyrics for the rest of the evening.

For fashion questions, e-mail Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com.

Correction:

In issue 18 on page 8, Burt Allen and the NSU Chamber Choir are rehearsing for a recital.

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popular styles for women. Popular styles for guys are fades, braids and corn rows.

Swafford said any style can be maintained affordably with products by Tressemé and Paul Mitchell. Some essential tools for females are a tool comb, vent or paddle brush, and a flat iron.

Swafford demonstrated the use of each tool, as well as special tools called the Marcelle Irons. Marcelles become extremely hot in order to hold curled styles better, but they are only recommended for professional use.

Swafford said there were three basic pieces of advice she could give: "It is extremely important to shampoo and condition once weekly, if not more than once; use heated styling tools as less as possible; when deciding on a color change, have it done professionally."

Susan Verzwyvelt and Lori Swindle, cosmetologists at Trendsetters, said the main difference between black and Caucasian hair is the texture and thickness of the hair.

"Your hair has keratin, which is protein, in your hair," Verzwyvelt said. "The strands of a black person's hair are thinner and easier to break than a Caucasian person."

Verzwyvelt and Swindle said if a person's hair is dry it is usually because they have dry skin. A person with oily skin obviously will have oily hair.

Verzwyvelt said the best type of products for a Caucasian man or woman's hair depends on its texture. For thin or fine hair, people should use a volumizer to give hair lift and body without being weighed down. A smoother can be used to tame down or straighten curly hair.

Swindle said the most manageable styles for females are stacked, such as a bob which goes from high in the back of the head to the chin, long and straight, shagged and the tousled look. For guys, she recommended the shag or the fade, which is a blended haircut from nothing to a great grade of hair.

"A salon visit for females should be made every six weeks to get a trim," Verzwyvelt said. "If you have color, for male or female, it should be every six to eight weeks depending on how fast your hair grows. Guys come to the salon unless their hair grows long."

Verzwyvelt and Swindle said to maintain healthy hair on a college budget, students should not wash their hair every day in order to allow natural oils to nourish strands and make hair more manageable. A wash and condition every other day is healthy and will help a student save money by not using cleansing products daily. If you are planning on having an up-do, wash your hair the before your hair appointment.

"Look for Ph-balanced, non-stripping, neutral products with low alcohol for hair," Verzwyvelt said. "Make sure to use products recommended for coloring."

Getting to know you



Name: Harriet Guyott

Family: Four sons, three stepdaughters and 14 grandchildren

Position: Accountant for the Space Science Group

Why she works here: "I work here to make a living."

Favorite Cartoon Character: Roadrunner

Favorite Pastime? Gardening. "I like to play with the cold dirt."

Favorite Flower to Plant: "I dunno. I have roses, azaleas, tulips..." What surprised her most was a bird planted an abrovada, which is a type of cyprus, which grew in her front yard.

If she could have one wish: "That all of my family would go to church together with me."



Name: Mary James

Age: 21

Classification: senior

Major: social work

Family: mom and dad

Hometown: Shreveport

How would you describe yourself in one word? "Determined."

What do you like to do for fun? "Talk with friends."

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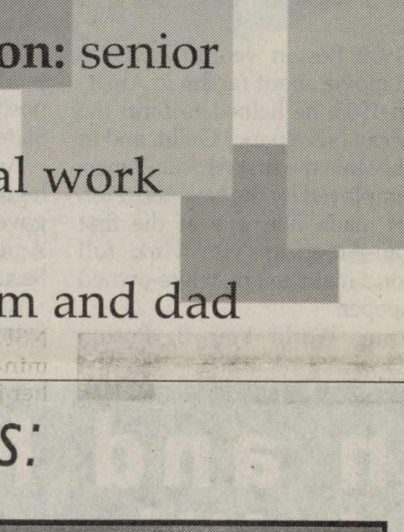
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Underneath it all: J-Spot visits Northwestern

University-sponsored sex educator discussed "taboos" to a student crowd.

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Jay Friedman told a crowd of NSU students Tuesday night that "men are like microwave ovens, and women are like crock pots," in his lecture titled "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All."

Friedman, an award-winning writer, speaker and sex educator from Seattle, Wash., used the analogy to explain to an audience of about 50 the speed difference between men and women on a scale of sexual arousal.

The Office of Student Activities sponsored his lecture.

In an interview prior to his appearance, Friedman said that the goal of his lecture was to get students more comfortable talking about sex and that he would discuss a variety of issues.

"My goal is to stay sex-positive while addressing the negatives that result from sexual ignorance," Friedman said.

Friedman also said "since sex is still taboo," he has had some opposition to his lectures throughout his career.

Friedman spoke about several topics, including the three conditions that need to be met before two people have sex, condom use, masturbation and the sexual pressures males face growing up.

Friedman said that there are three conditions, all beginning with the letter "A," needed for two people to engage in sexual intercourse. They are to affirm intimacy and the need for sex, accept responsibility and assure mutual pleasure.

He also gave tips on using water-based lubricants with condoms for increased pleasure.

> "My audiences demand, desire and deserve quality information about sex."
>
> **Jay Friedman**
> "The J-Spot" lecturer and sex educator

Friedman said the condom buying process is filled with options and should be like shopping for a car.

Friedman said that sexual issues such as masturbation should not be looked down upon and should be talked about more freely.

"We have such a stigma against masturbation in our society," Friedman said. "It's normal if you do it. It's normal if you don't."

"I'm trying to create a campus of 'sexperts,'" Friedman said, describing sexperts as people always willing to learn more about sex and talk about it openly.

Friedman said that men face pressures like "locker room talk" and homophobia when they are growing up.

He said that men see sex similar to the pressure of a baseball game, where they "go racing around the bases with this locker room talk, with this scoring mentality."

Friedman said this mentality has probably contributed to the high statistics of AIDS, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases in America.

The greatest pressure for men is homophobia, which, Friedman said, is not "simply fear or hatred of homosexuality," but "a fear of being perceived as gay."

"It's amazing what we don't know about our very own bodies," Friedman said. "Your most important lovemaking tools are not between your legs, they're between your ears, in your mind."

"My audiences demand, desire and deserve quality information about sex," Friedman said.

He stressed that sex is good, but ignorance about sex is not.

Friedman also discussed current sexual issues in the news, including the debate over gay marriages and Janet Jackson's breast exposure in the half-time show of the Super Bowl.

He said even though he thought Janet Jackson exposing her breast was wrong, the reactions to these issues show how uptight American society is about sex.

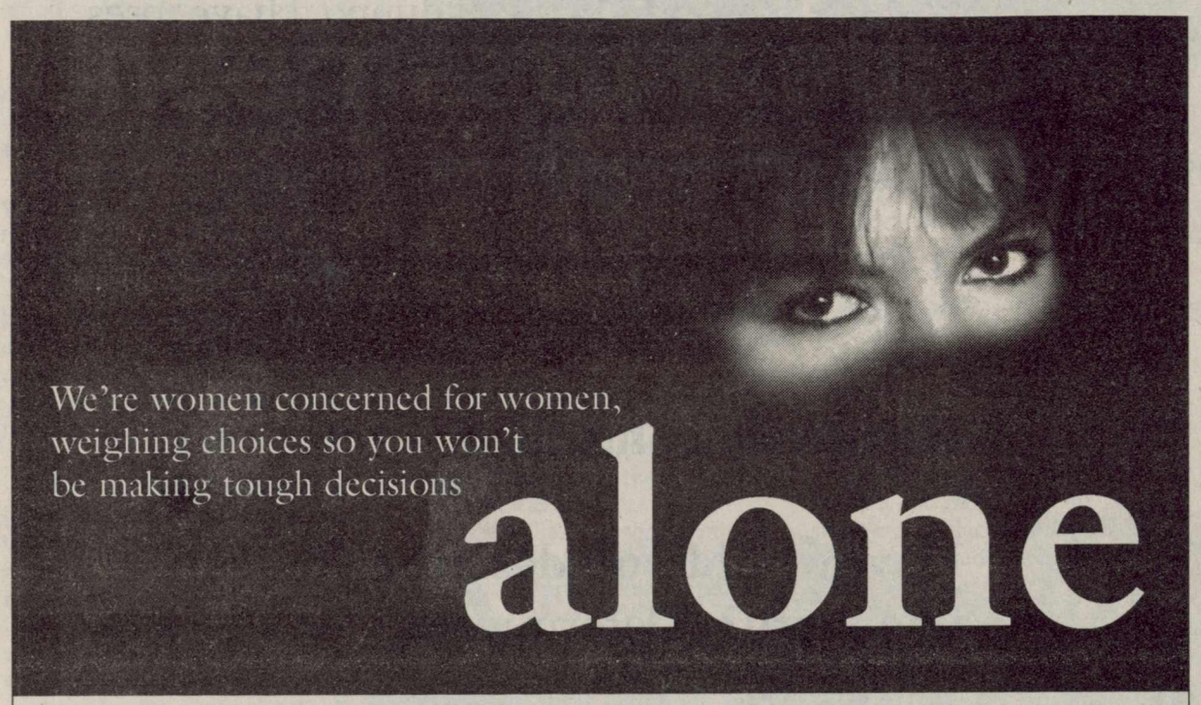
In a question and answer session following the speech, Friedman spoke about a past relationship in his college years, during which he and his girlfriend decided to have an abortion because of an unplanned pregnancy. He said that this experience is what drove him to become a sex educator.

Ashley Samson, a sophomore psychology major, said that Friedman was a dynamic speaker.

"I thought he brought out to the open a lot of the issues that people are afraid to talk about," Samson said.

Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life and Leadership Development Yonna Pasch said Friedman's speech was a different twist on sex education.

More information about Jay Friedman and his "J-Spot" lecture can be found at www.thej-spot.com.



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Spotlight on Black History

Courtesy of National Association of Black Journalists

In honor of of Black History Month, here are a few pioneers who dedicated their lives to the pursuit of freedom and equality.

Heroes from the past...

Theodore Roosevelt Poston

Born in 1906, Ted Poston was a pioneer African-American journalist who accomplished much in his lifetime.

Poston began as a railroad porter but left to pursue a career in journalism. His first journalism job was as a columnist at the prominent black newspaper the *Pittsburgh Courier*.

In 1932, Poston went to Russia to film a movie about racism in America. In 1935, he helped to form the American Newspaper Guild, and in 1936 became the first African-American employed by the *New York Post*.

This made him one of the first African-Americans to work full time on a mainstream, white-owned newspaper.

During World War II, Poston became a member of President Roosevelt's "Black Cabinet," and in 1949 was nominated for the Colombia University-sponsored Pulitzer Prize.

Poston retired in 1972 and died in 1974.

Carl T. Rowan

Carl Rowan, reporting in the time of the Jim Crow laws, covered desegregation cases being heard in the Supreme Court.

Rowan also wrote controversial pieces, such as the "How Far From Slavery" series, that reflected the segregated South from a black man's perspective. Rowan later turned this series into the novel "South of Freedom."

Rowan then shifted to the field of public relations, where he took the position of director of the United States Information Agency.

As director, Rowan became the highest ranking black in the federal government, and the first African-American to sit on the National Security Council.

Rowan eventually returned to print journalism and continued to speak out on social injustices, and encouraged young African-Americans to excel in everything that they do.

Rowan also established Project Excellence, a program that provides minority students with the tools they need to build self-esteem and afford them the opportunity to attend college. Rowan died in September 2000.

Local pioneer...



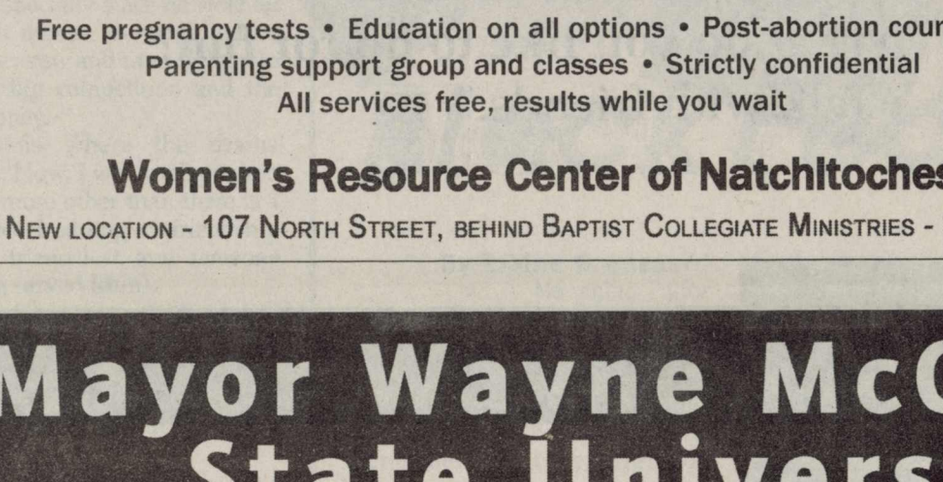
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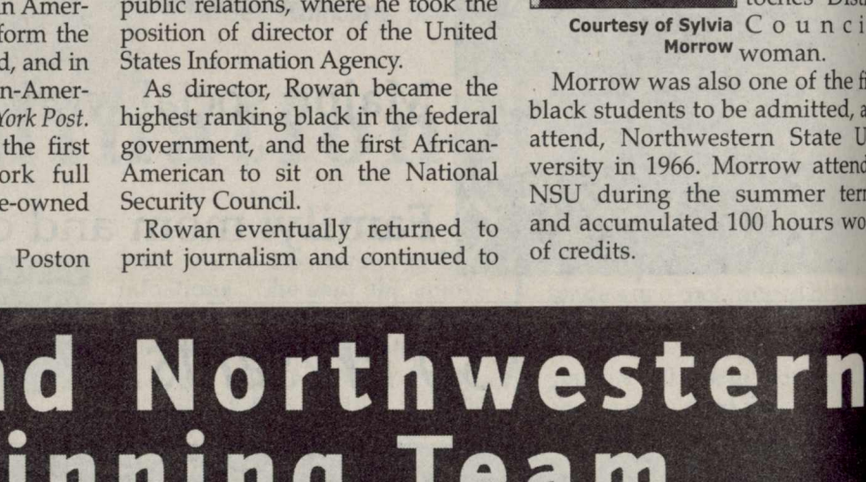
Sylvia Morrow is currently the first Natchitoches District Councilwoman, and also the first black Natchitoches District Councilwoman.

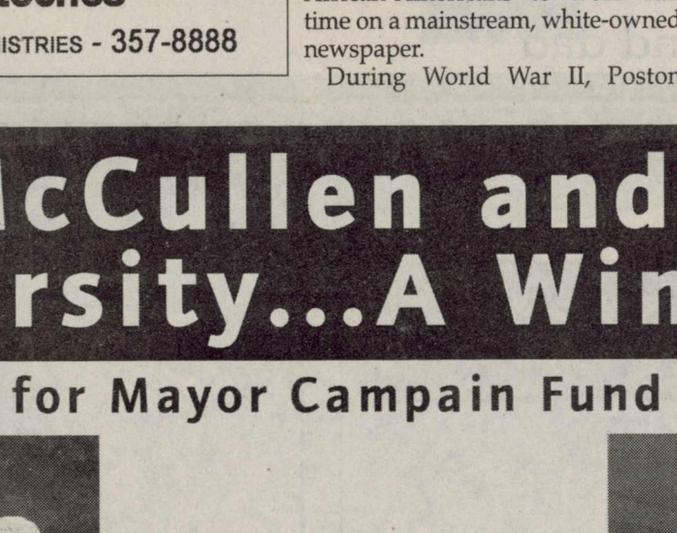
Morrow was also one of the first black students to be admitted, and attend, Northwestern State University in 1966. Morrow attended NSU during the summer terms and accumulated 100 hours worth of credits.

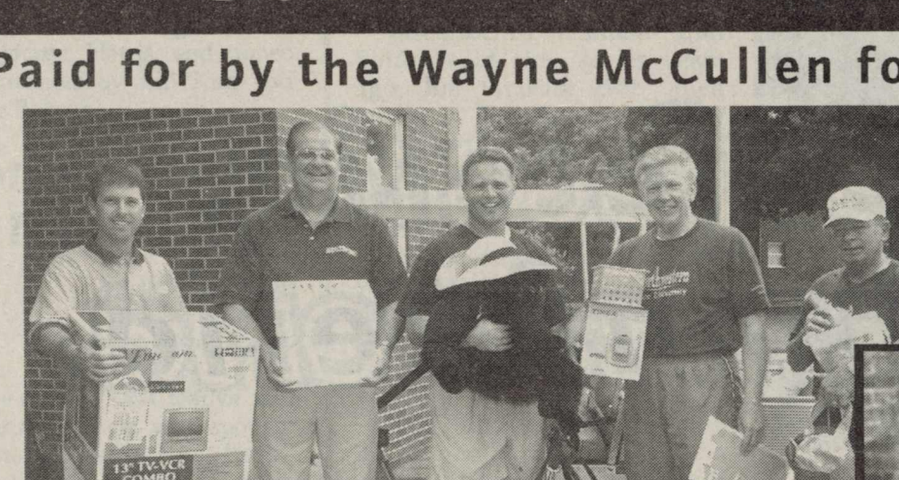
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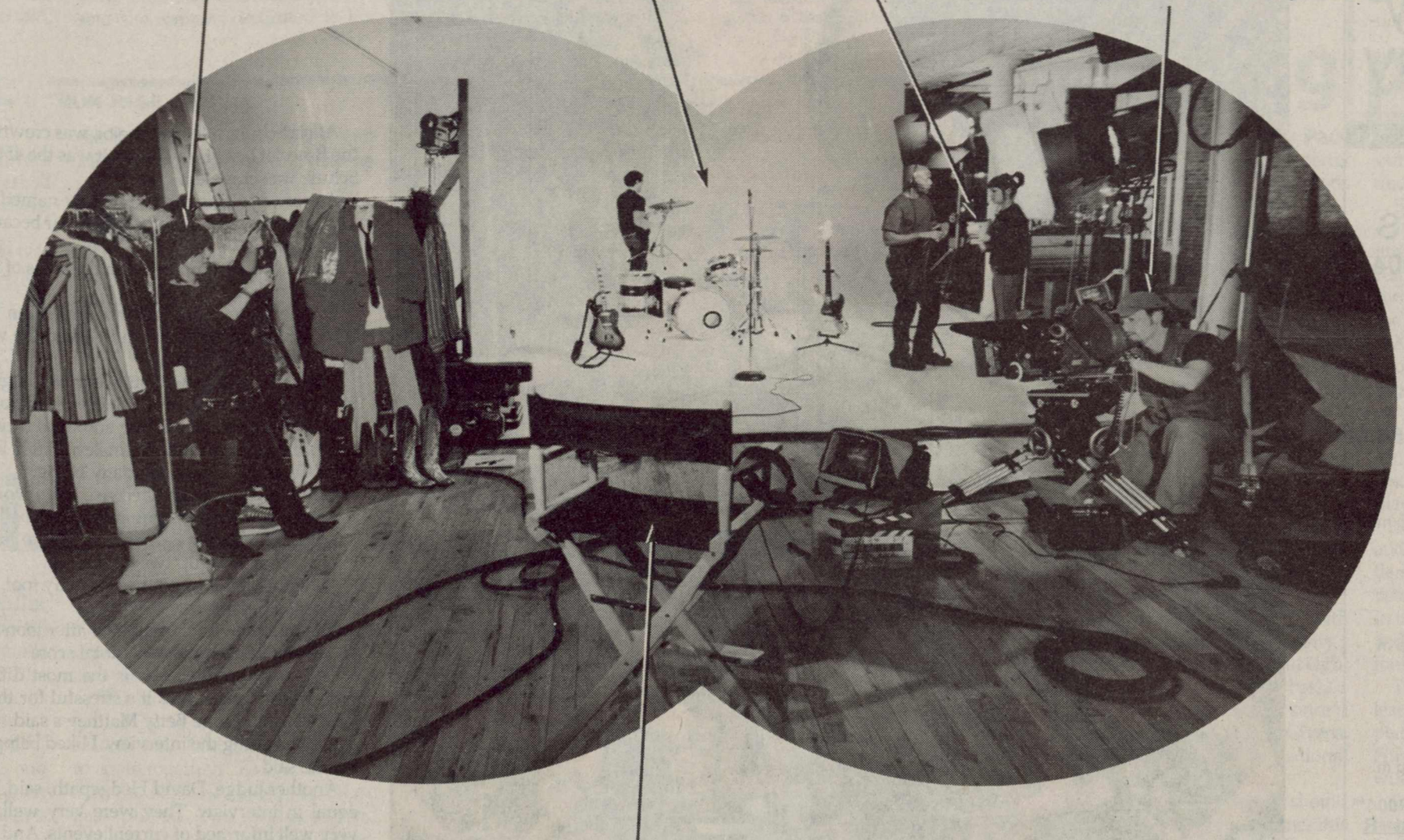
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Alicia Schulz wins LOB





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Top: Alicia Schulz wins the 2004 Lady of the Bracelet pageant after a controversial 2003 contest.
Bottom: From left, LOB finalists Ashley Dunham, Sarah Jessica Rhodes, Alicia M. Schulz, Andrea Courtlynn Pang, and Wanetah Walmsley.

After a judging mishap that left Schulz without the title last year, she came back to win in '04

By Callie Reames
Sauce reporter

Alicia Schulz, a theater major, was crowned Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet last Friday night. It was the 45th pageant and the second time Schulz was crowned.

A score-auditing mistake falsely named Schulz as the winner in 2003. The problem was prevented this year because of computer assistance and new auditors.

Eleven women competed in the areas of interview, talent, swimsuit and evening gown.

During the evening gown competition Melissa Clark, Miss Louisiana 2003, who hosted the pageant, asked the women two questions. Pageant staff chose the questions.

Schulz won the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. The first runner-up, Wanetah Walmsley, was one of three awarded in talent. Second runner-up Andrea Pang and third runner-up Ashley Dunham shared the talent award with Walmsley. Sarah Rhodes was fourth runner-up. Miss Congeniality was Brittany Hung.

"I felt really prepared because I had worked really hard," Schulz said.

Schulz was most nervous about her ballet performance. She danced to a Spanish love song and dedicated it to her deceased grandfather. However, a dress hang-up twisted her up.

"My dress kind of got stuck on my foot," Schulz said. "That had never happened before."

The interview took place the afternoon of the pageant and comprised 40 percent of each woman's total score.

"Always, the interview is the most difficult because you're with the girls a little longer, and it's stressful for them. But they did a wonderful job," pageant judge Betty Matthews said.

"I liked doing the interview. I liked being challenged by the questions," Schulz said.

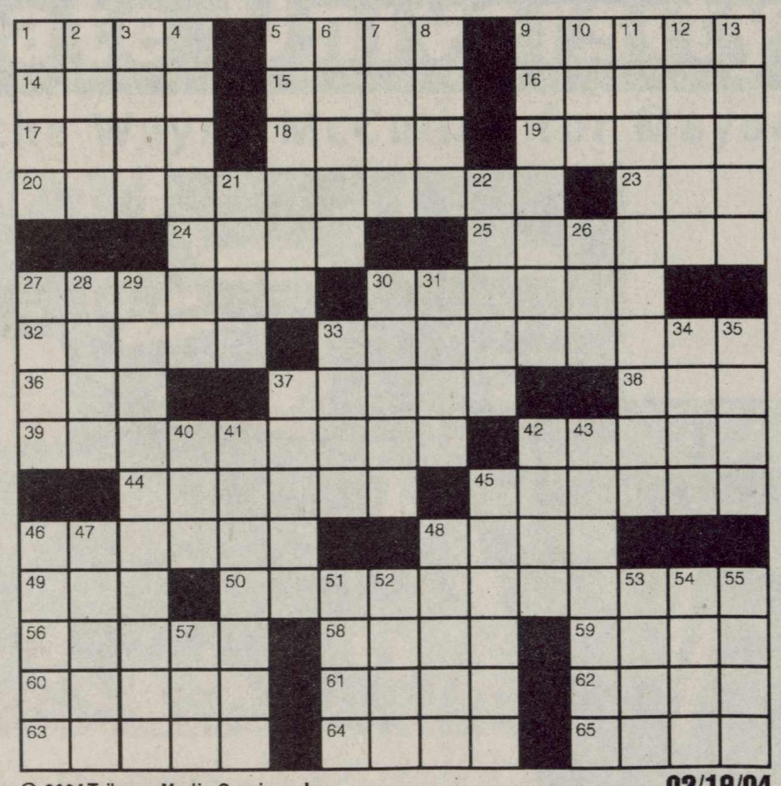
Another judge, David Hedgepath, said, "I think all the girls were very equal in interview. They were very well prepared, very educated and very well informed of current events. And I think they all handled it very well."

Schulz chose to advocate the mentoring of children through the arts for her platform.

"I wanted to do something that I felt passionate about," Schulz said.

The next step for Schulz is the Miss Louisiana Pageant later this year. She said she will focus on improving her talent and pursuing her platform.

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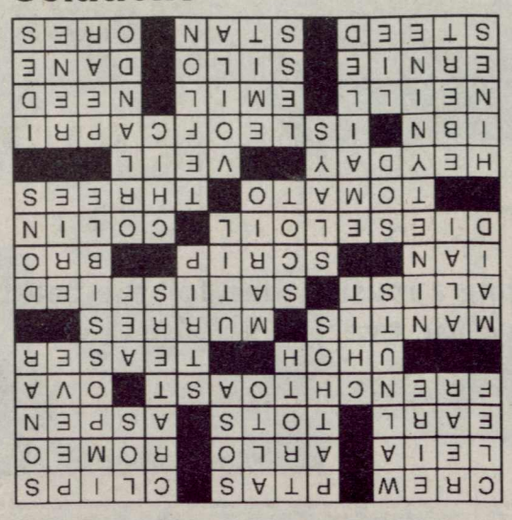
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TRACK

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of Northwestern's 23 women's outdoor records were established. He also recruited Stephanie to come to Northwestern.

"I noticed her talents and ability," Dean Johnson said. "I knew she was extremely talented."

Leon Johnson, head coach of NSU track and field for 21 years and coach of 38 All-Americans, said she works very hard on the technical aspects of jumping.

"She is very dedicated and she will work without being supervised," he said. "Many athletes don't do that, but she does."

Sowell said that continuous practice is required to be successful.

"It pays to practice because my techniques will improve," she said.

"She is capable of making the U.S. Olympic team."

Dean Johnson
NCHS Track Coach

"It shows if you don't also."

In 2002 Sowell placed eighth in the USA Track and Field Championships. Most of the competitors were professional athletes.

"I was shocked to make it to the finals," Sowell said. Sowell downplayed her talents and abilities and said she remains dedicated to her work.

"She has a quiet knowing that she feels she belongs," Dean Johnson said. "She is single-minded in training, and that is a good quality to have."

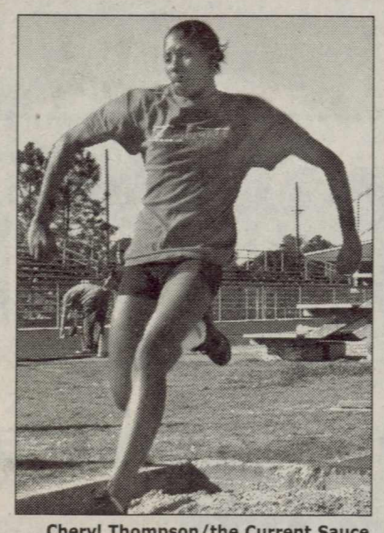
Leon Johnson said if she works hard, jumping for Team USA might be in her future.

"She is very capable of making the U.S. Olympic team," he said.

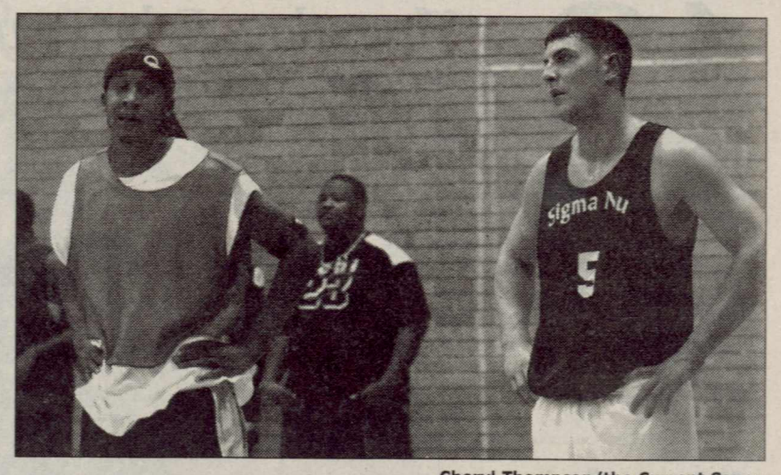
Despite her success, Dean Johnson said Sowell hasn't reached her full potential.

"She hasn't reached them (my expectations) yet," Dean Johnson said.

The Southland Conference Indoor Championships are scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Houston.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Stephanie Sowell practices her long jump for the upcoming SLC meet.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Derrian Harris of Phi Beta Sigma and Ryan Terry of Sigma Nu take a breather during a recent IM Basketball game at the P.E. Majors Building.

IM basketball nearing playoffs

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Intramural basketball playoffs are nearing, and competition levels are at an all-time high.

With no clear-cut leader the last game played could decide who's in and who's out.

The second week of IM basketball brought more of the same excitement that ignited the first week of action. Many games could not be decided without overtime, and a few of those games ended with a last second shot to win.

Competition should escalate in the last week since only the top two teams from each league can make the playoffs.

"I have been involved with Northwestern State University's Intramural Program for about eight years and this is the closest basketball season we have had since I have been here," said Chad Givens, assistant director of recreational sports.

"The race for the playoffs should provide for some quality games this week, the last of our regular season," Givens said.

In the women's league, the Hustlers finished the first two weeks undefeated, and the Louisiana School and BCM finished right behind with one loss each.

In the men's Greek league, Phi Beta Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi closed out the second week with four wins and no losses.

Sigma Nu is in second place with one loss, moving into second place after a controversial win over Kappa Sigma that was decided by two free throws in the last second of the game.

Kappa Sigma filed a protest about the game, stating that a point was taken off the board because of an officiating error. If both teams win the rest of their games this season, the game could be replayed to resolve the issue of who makes the playoffs.

In the men's Purple league, Wait and See is undefeated with the Hustlers and Ryan's Roughnecks both tied in second place with one loss. In the men's White league, J-Unit is tied with Underground Ballers at four wins each.

The 6-feet-and-under Purple league has a three-way-tie for first place with Ryan's Roughnecks, Hustlers, and We Out Chere all with one loss.

In 6-feet-and-under White league, the Bayou Boys are undefeated in first place. Wendy's Hoopsters and Staff Infection are tied in second place with one loss each.

The last week of IM basketball began Monday and finishes today, games begin at 5 p.m. Admission is free to IM basketball games at the P.E. Majors Building.

SOFTBALL

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runs.

Ford pitched relief in the fourth inning, giving up only one earned run with seven strikeouts and one hit in a stellar relief.

"I don't think the effort was there this morning, we were just kinda dead," Schmidt said. "We just weren't our usual NSU Demon self."

NSU 3 – McNeese St. 0

The fifth game of the tournament and third for NSU saw a pitching duel between Ford and McNeese's Megan Novak, with no runs scored until the fifth inning.

NSU broke the scoreless tie when Nichols hit a double off the wall that scored Amanda Glenn. NSU added two more runs in the sixth inning as Hunt hit a line drive home run into the left field bleachers. Leftwich added on another run, scoring Martin from second.

"It just takes one thing to break the ice and to get them going," Schmidt said. "Once we start running and start hitting it is ugly and we can be ugly, but we can hurt you. But if we don't, then we're in trouble."

Ford pitched a three-hit shutout for NSU while striking out 10 and improving her record to 3-0, while Novak picked up the loss for MSU, giving up four hits and three earned runs.

Up next for the Demons is the Nevada-Las Vegas Tournament starting Feb. 20 and ending on Feb. 22. The Demons will play against Butler and Texas El Paso on Friday.

Then the Demons play the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Northern Illinois on Sat. while finishing the tournament on Sun. against Arkansas.

The Demons play their first home game on February 25 at 5 p.m. against Grambling State.

Tennis wins home opener

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The NSU tennis team won its first match at home on Sunday.

Northwestern State No. 1 doubles team Catalina Villegas and Eliza Young triumphed over Naisha Joseph and Candace Davis of Grambling 8-2.

NSU's Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto won 8-0 over Grambling's Christine Perry and Calisa Britton, while Northwestern's Camila Prado and Magali van den Bergh finished 8-4 over Efe Amen and Caree Banton.

Zerwick returned to the courts for the No. 1 singles match-up against Joseph. Zerwick won 6-4 and 6-1 after a tough first set.

"The match started slow, but we gained more momentum in the second set. And the game began to come together," Zerwick said.

In the NSU No. 2 singles, Villegas played two intense sets against Davis. Ultimately Davis defeated Villegas 4-6, 6-4, 10-4.

In No. 3 singles, Van Den Bergh Nieto and Prado won both sets in singles play.

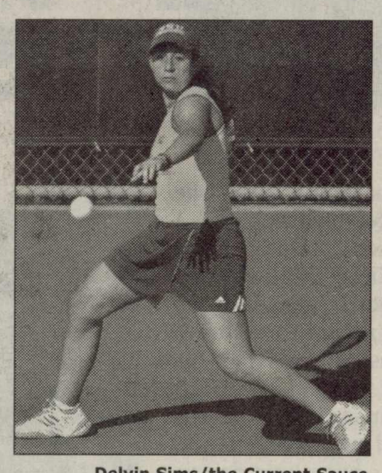
Young defaulted in singles play due to an injury. She will return to singles play in two weeks against Southern Mississippi University.

"I'm proud of my girls and their win today," said Coach Willie Paz. "We still have to work on a few things before our conference match. We will be ready."

The tennis team will host a doubles tournament this weekend to raise money for equipment and travel cost. First serve is at 5 p.m. at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

With the win, NSU improves to 2-2 on the season and is currently on a two-match winning streak.

NSU has beaten Centenary with two losses coming against Arkansas State and Arkansas Little Rock.



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Camila Prado hits a forehand against Grambling on Sunday.

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Staying Warm

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If any of you have been to one of NSU's recent sporting events, you probably noticed one thing: it's freezing cold!

As I sat on the cold, stinging metal bleacher at Brown-Stroud Field watching the Demon baseball team demolish the Arkansas State Indians, I realized that exact thing.

By the fourth inning I lost all feeling in my feet and my stomach was begging for food.

By the seventh inning with one warm cup of hot chocolate and one steaming pile of nachos, my body had warmed, but my feet hurt worse.

As I swallowed my last nacho, I turned around to see if anyone else was as cold as I was.

I noticed dozens of other Demon fans bearing the cold, shivering just to watch the team win. Even a handful of Indian fans came down to see the game.

It was so cold, *Current Sauce* photographer Delvin Sims forgot about the game and started snapping shots of other freezing people trying to warm themselves.

Some were wrapped in blankets and bundled up while others brought propane heaters to keep their toes from falling off.

Finally, I thought, people have caught on! People have started coming to sporting events and supporting their teams.

I give respect to all those fans that were out there this weekend freezing their toes off to see their Demons.

After braving such cold temperatures, you deserve a good round of applause.

I started thinking about past games with freezing temperatures and remembered the amount of fans at those games as well.

Last season's baseball season opener brought Demon fans from across the state to the 20-degree frost of Baton Rouge.

Pat West and I met up with former Demon athletes, families and NSU alumni who ventured out into the cold to see the Demons.

It seems that the colder it gets, more and more fans show up.

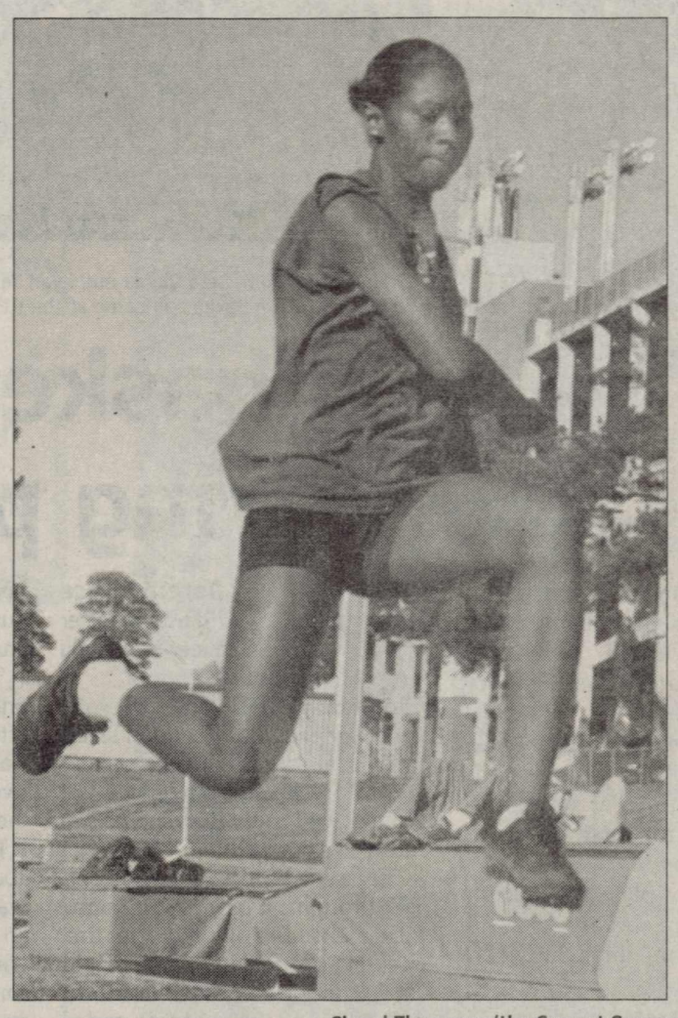
While the wonderful Southern weather of the fall and spring are upon us, fans find other things to do, but when it is freezing, it seems they find nothing better to do than bear the cold at a sporting event.

You rarely see a fan exposing his painted, naked chest at a warm-weather event. It's always the crazy guy who thinks 22 degrees is a fine temperature in which to strip.

Regardless of the temperature and the number of fans, I would still like to thank every person that attended this weekend's sporting events.

Thank you for showing your support for your friends and fellow classmates who were out there representing NSU on the baseball field.

And don't forget the best part; the games are free to students with student ID cards.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Stephanie Sowell is practicing for the Southland Conference Indoor Championships on Friday and Saturday in Houston.

Track star

NSU's first woman track and field All-American making huge strides as a long jumper

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It would be hard to find an athlete who defines 'All-American' as well as NSU's Stephanie Sowell.

Sowell, a senior track and field athlete, a three-time All-American and the first woman selected as a track and field All-American at NSU, is one of the best athletes in her sport.

Sowell has been very successful since she first laced up her cleats for NSU. She has won five combined Southland Conference titles in the long jump and triple jump. In 2003, she also became the first woman in conference history to win both the indoor and outdoor long jump and triple jump titles in the same year.

This season Sowell won the triple jump at the Houston Indoor Open with a jump of 42'10". This was the third-best jump in conference indoor history. She also won the long jump at the Purple Tiger Invitational at LSU with a leap of 20'6".

A 2000 Natchitoches Central High School graduate, Sowell was selected as a high school All-State athlete in the long jump and triple jump. She also won the Class 5-A long jump title her sophomore year of high school and the triple jump title her senior year.

Sowell's high school accomplishments led her to be recruited by several schools. However, in the end she knew she would choose Northwestern State.

"ULM, Florida and a bunch of other schools sent me letters, but I threw them all away," Sowell said. "I wanted to come to NSU because Coach Dean Johnson is a good coach, and he coached All-Americans."

She feels that the reason for her success is the coaching.

"They are good teachers of techniques," Sowell said. "I've improved three feet in the triple jump and I'm more consistent because of the coaching."

Dean Johnson was the women's head coach in track and field at NSU for nine years. During his tenure, all

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Softball finishes second

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Northwestern State Demon softball team finished in second place in the 18th Annual Louisiana Classic in Lafayette on Saturday. and Sunday. this past weekend.

The University of Louisiana Lafayette finished the tournament in first place, unbeaten in the tournament. NSU followed ULL with a 2-1 record, with McNeese State placing third with a 1-2 record and Louisiana Tech finishing in fourth place with a 0-3 record.

NSU had four players named to the All-Tournament Team while ULL had the most with five. The Cowgirls placed two and the Lady Techsters placed one.

Pitcher Aimee Ford, shortstop Shay Hunt, utility player Kiana Scott and outfielder Lindsey Danzy represented the Demons on the team.

Ford was NSU's MVP, pitching in all three games and finishing the tournament with a .78 ERA. Ford won both games she pitched and came in relief against ULL.

Ford had two complete games with one shutout, giving up six hits, and two earned runs while walking five and striking out 26 in 18 innings.

"Ford is doing great, she has a good mindset and is a positive kid," Demon Head Coach Eileen Schmidt said. "She is not trying to do too much or trying to overthrow, she is just doing what she does best."

The Louisiana Classic was supposed to start Friday at 11:45 a.m., but a light drizzle started during the beginning of the first game. After the first inning, the drizzle turned into a downpour.

With conditions to bad too continue, the tournament was postponed until Saturday at 5 p.m., with the Demons and Tech finishing their game.

NSU 2 - Tech 1

On a cold, windy Saturday night, Northwestern State used a two-run fourth inning to beat the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters in game one of the Louisiana Classic.

The Lady Techsters scored first on a solo home run by Ashley Aycock. NSU struggled offensively until the fourth inning, when the Demons exploded for two runs.

NSU tied the game in the fourth when Scott hit a home run that struck dead center off the Popeye's sign in right field.

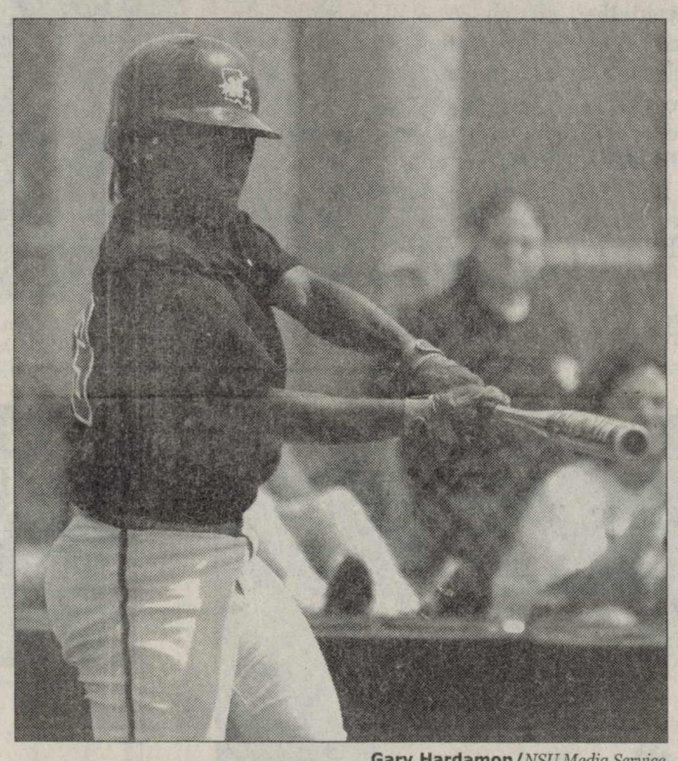
Then Hunt came up to bat and hit a standing double to give NSU the tying run on second. Krystle Nichols then hit a RBI single to score Hunt and give NSU the lead.

The one-run lead was all Ford needed as she shut down the Tech offense, giving NSU the win in the opening game.

Ford finished the game with nine strikeouts, giving up two hits and one earned run, and improved to 2-0.

NSU managed seven hits while stranding eight players on base while the Lady Techsters stranded three on base with two hits.

"A good team effort tonight, " Schmidt said. "We had good pitching, good defense and timely hitting at times, but you can tell it is still early in the season."



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
Demon shortstop Shay Hunt hit .500 this past weekend at the ULL Tournament. Hunt was named to the All-Tournament team.

NSU 2 - ULL 5

Game three of the Louisiana Classic Tournament pitted in-state foes and No. 9-ranked ULL against NSU.

NSU started off slow and did not score against the Ragin' Cajuns until the sixth inning, as ULL scored in the first three innings to build a nice cushion for 2003 pitcher of the year Brooke Mitchell.

ULL scored in the first inning on a Joy Webre sacrifice fly that drove in Hillary Guidry from third.

Then, in the second inning, Tournament Outstanding Player Holly Tankersley hit a bomb over the left field wall, giving ULL a 2-0 lead.

In the third inning, Lacey Bertucci started off with a single to left followed by a Tankersley home run over the left field wall for her second home run of the game and third RBI. ULL out hit NSU 8-1 and outscored them 4-0 in the first three innings.

NSU responded in the bottom of the sixth with two runs. Nicole Martin led the sixth with a double for NSU followed by a double by Danzy that scored Martin.

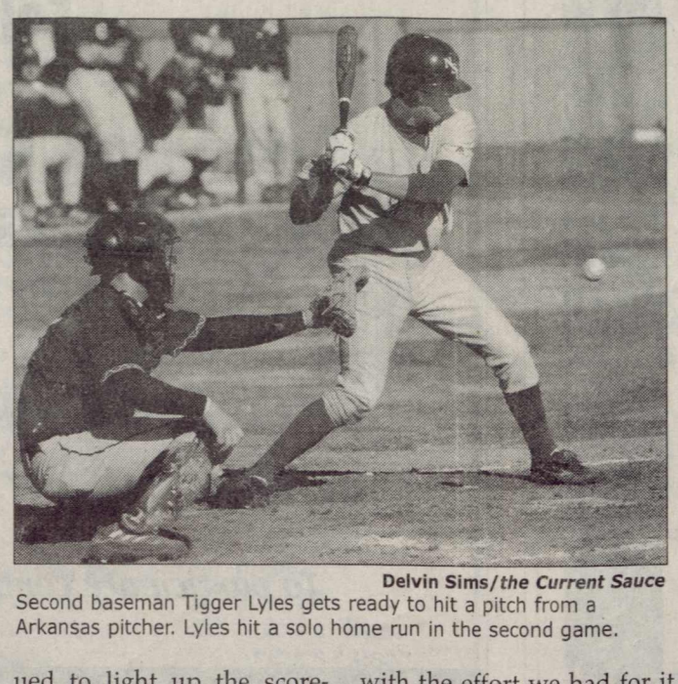
On the same play, Danzy advanced to third because of a throwing error. Lindsey Leftwich then singled to score Danzy from third as NSU tried to rally from five runs down.

For the Demons, Crista Miller picks up her fourth loss on the season as she struck out four while giving up eight hits and four earned

■ See **Softball**, page 11

Demons win two out of three

By Joshua Barrios
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Delvin Sims/*the Current Sauce*
Second baseman Tigger Lyles gets ready to hit a pitch from a Arkansas pitcher. Lyles hit a solo home run in the second game.

NSU 13 - ASU 8

The Demons started off with a big win at Friday's season opener against the Arkansas State University Indians.

Demon Pitcher Daniel Lonsberry threw five shutout innings for the Demons. Lonsberry struck out three while giving up only five hits.

While Lonsberry fought off the Indian batters, the Demon batters racked up the runs. First Baseman Hunter Thoms went 4-4 with three runs and five runs batted in. Rusty Jones and Jeff Martin also helped the team as they both went 2-3 batting in a combined two RBI's and three runs.

The Demons' bats continued to light up the scoreboard as Michael Palermo and Josh Boop batted in three more runs in the fifth inning.

"Overall, I was pleased with the effort we had for it being our first game," Head baseball coach Mitch Gaspard said. "We had a lapse in the seventh inning, but we played really well for eight innings."

NSU 8 - ASU 2

After a day of rain delay, the Demons fought the Indians for their second win of the three game series.

The Indians took the lead early in the game scoring one run off of a sacrifice fly in the top of the first, but the Demons came back quickly scoring eight in the third.

Tigger Lyles and Bobby Barbier ignited the eight-run inning with a solo homerun from Lyles and a three-run homer from Barbier.

The Demons managed to keep the inning alive as they hit seven straight while bringing in the runs.

Demon pitcher Russell Dorton took the win pitching five innings while giving up two runs and striking out four Indian batters.

NSU 5 - ASU 9

The Indians fought back to take the win in the second game of Sunday's double header.

The Demons allowed the Indians to take the lead early with a score of 5-2 in the second inning.

Barbier hit a two-run homerun in the bottom of the second bringing the Demons within three runs, but they would never take the lead.

The Indians added three runs to their score while the Demons would try to rally back adding three runs by the sixth inning.

Phillip Martinez took the loss for the Demons pitching only two innings and giving up five runs on four hits.

The Demons will return home Tuesday for a single game against Grambling at Brown-Stroud Field starting at 3 p.m.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSU Softball (3-5)

Jan. 15, 2004
Northwestern State vs. McNeese State (2-7)

NSU 3 - MSU 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	1	2	X	-	3	4	1
MSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

Jan. 15, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Louisiana-Lafayette** (6-1)

NSU 2 - **ULL 5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	2	6	0
ULL	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	-	5	9	1

Northwestern State vs. Louisiana Tech (5-5)

NSU 2 - LaTech 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	2	7	0
LaTech	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	2	0

Key Player:
Aimee Ford
2-0, 26 strikeouts & .78 ERA @ ULL Tournament
Freshman pitcher

NSU Baseball (3-1)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Dwayne Hall (1-0)
One hit in five innings pitched vs. LaTech
Junior pitcher

Feb. 17, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Louisiana Tech (2-5)

NSU 14 - LaTech 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	2	5	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	-	14	16	1
Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	3	3

Feb. 15, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Arkansas State** (1-2)

NSU 5 - **ASU 9**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	-	5	10	3
ASU	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	-	9	7	1

Northwestern State vs. Arkansas State

NSU 8 - ASU 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	-	8	13	0
ASU	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	7	1

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Demons win one out of two on the road

Cooda Dobin scored season-high 25 points the Lady Demons rallied from a 12-point second half deficit to defeat Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions, 70-66 in Southland Conference basketball action

Despite the challenge from the Lady Lions, the Lady Demons recorded their 12th straight win and now sits 18-4 overall while remaining perfect in the SLC at 11-0 with five games remaining.

Southeastern Louisiana got 23 points by Michelle Gardener and outscored Northwestern State by 10 points at the free throw line Wednesday night as the Lions held off the Demons 85-78 in a battle for first place in the Southland Conference basketball race.

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Chris Waddell memorial service draws hundreds **Pg. 10**

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What's Current?

SGA passes bills, appointments

• A resolution sponsored by Senator Keith Gates proposed that the SGA support the University Traffic and Parking Committee's decision on Feb. 9 to establish a pilot student officer program in which student workers will be responsible for issuing traffic and parking citations. This passed by general consent.

• A resolution, also sponsored by Gates, proposed that the SGA recommend that the University's faculty and administration review their policies about locking out students who are five minutes late for class. The resolution, titled the "'Don't Lock Me Out of My Education' Resolution of 2004," passed by general consent.

• A bill, sponsored by Senator Mindy McConnell, proposed amending the requirements that an SGA member must have in order to run for Treasurer. Currently, a student must have completed two accounting classes with a C or better in order to be eligible for the Treasurer position. The bill proposed deleting this requirement. The bill passed with a vote of 13-1.

• NSU students Chris Mason and Jena Simon were appointed to senator-at-large positions on the SGA.

Senator Dustin Floyd presented a motion proposing to reduce the scholarship amounts of the SGA President, Vice-President, and Treasurer to equal the scholarship amount of the SGA Speaker of the Senate. Currently the SGA President receives a full scholarship, the SGA Vice President receives a three-fourths scholarship, and the SGA Treasurer receives a half scholarship. Floyd proposed reducing these scholarships to tuition waivers, which is what the SGA Speaker of the Senate currently receives. The motion failed by a 11-5 vote with one abstention.

Elaine Broussard

Spring Fling to be divided into two separate weeks; first begins Monday

The Student Activities Board has finalized the list of events for next week's Spring Fling.

Spring Fling will be split into two parts this semester. The first portion will be next Monday through Thursday, and the second part will continue on Thursday, April 22.

Festivities will kick off Monday from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., with three massage therapists in the Student Union Ballroom. The massage sessions can last up to 15 minutes per person, depending on the size of the crowd. 3-D photos will also be offered.

Comedian Jamie Lissow, who writes for the Tonight Show, will perform Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Wednesday is Campus Wide Service Heyday and will begin at 2 p.m. in the circle drive of the Student Union. Participants will be given destinations to various locations throughout Natchitoches where they will perform different types of community service. Music video bingo will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Katrina Dixon

Two remain for academic VP

Thomas Dukes, dean of the college of business at Christian Brothers University in Texas, and Anthony Scheffler, acting provost and vice president of academic affairs at NSU, the remaining candidates for the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs position.

The interview process begins March 11 with on-site interviews at the Shreveport and Natchitoches campuses with Dukes.

Anthony McKaskle

Kerry's running mate search on

Sen. John Kerry named prominent Washington Democrat James Johnson to start vetting potential running mates, moving quickly Wednesday to the next stage of his presidential campaign as the de facto Democratic Party nominee.

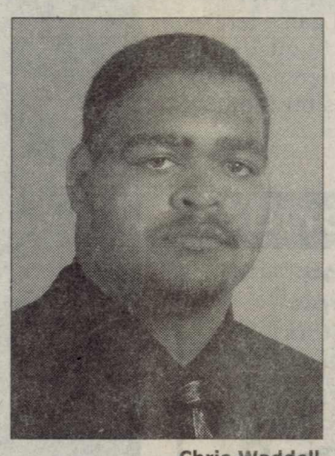
Johnson will assemble a team that'll reach out to possible vice presidential candidates and scrutinize their backgrounds.

While the campaign released no names of potential candidates, speculation in Democratic circles has focused variously on Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Courtesy KRT Campus

Athlete dies; cause unknown

By Josh Barrios
Sauce reporter



Chris Waddell

Demon football player Chris Waddell died Monday evening after collapsing during a spring football practice.

Waddell, 18, collapsed while running drills at Monday's practice. NSU Sports Information reported Monday that NSU sports medicine staff members attempted to resuscitate Waddell before paramedics arrived.

Paramedics transported him to Natchitoches Parish Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Director of Sports Information Doug Ireland said that although no official report has been given, the coroner believes a heart condition was the cause of death.

Waddell passed the required physical examination, and NSU's sports medicine staff was unaware of any existing conditions.

Waddell was a redshirt freshman offensive lineman for the Demons from New Orleans. He made the team as a walk-on from Holy Cross High School.

Monday's practice was not an intense workout, as it was the first of the Demon's spring training workouts.

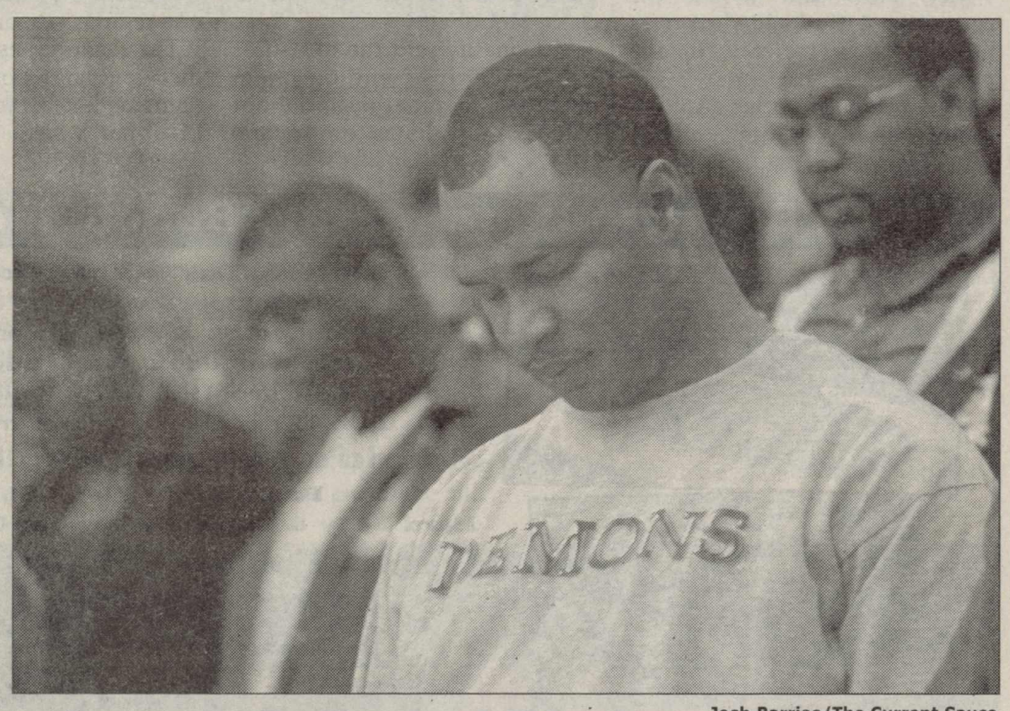
Head Coach Scott Stoker had said practice would be postponed, but on the request of Waddell's mother, Celeste Waddell, practices resumed yesterday.

"She wanted everyone try to get back to a normal routine," Ireland said.

Though Stoker was not available for comment, the mood in the Athletic Field House could easily be felt.

Mourning coaches and athletes didn't seem to know what to do or say as they tried to carry on Tuesday's business.

"We're just crushed and in a state of shock," Stoker told NSU Sports Information. "No words describe what we're going through, but our hearts go out to his family.



Josh Barrios/The Current Sauce

Senior Mondrel Jones bows his head Wednesday at a memorial service for Waddell in Prather Coliseum.

"Chris was a great young man, a good football player who never gave us one problem, the kind of kid you'd like your son to be, somebody who enjoyed being part of this team and being at NSU. This is so hard to understand."

Waddell's mother traveled from New Orleans to collect Chris' belongings and speak to the football team.

Waddell is not the first student-athlete death in Northwestern's history. In 1979 Demon Basketball player Mike Hoop died of an unknown heart defect while running a lay-up drill during an in-season practice.

Ireland said former basketball coach Tynes Hildebrand spoke to Stoker to console him and help him get through this troubling time.

"When you are really close to people, you never get over that," Hildebrand said.

A memorial service was held Tuesday night to honor Waddell. A scholarship fund will be set up in his name, and other forms of memoriam for the 2004 football season are being explored.

Three percent tuition hike approved

By Shameka Peters
Sauce reporter

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System has approved a 3 percent tuition increase that will go into effect this summer.

According to UL officials, the money from the increase will be use to offset cost-of-living expenses at universities.

Director of Communications for UL System Catherine Heitman said tuition is still low compared with other schools in the Southeast.

"You'll note that after the 3 percent increase, Northwestern's tuition is still about 25 percent below the average tuition in the southeastern region of the United States," Heitman said.

According to a summary of the System's report, the per-semester cost of tuition and fees for a 12-hour schedule at NSU will increase $88 this summer, to $3,078.

The raise will not affect the TOPS scholarship program.

"The 3 percent tuition increase will be covered by TOPS," Heitman said.

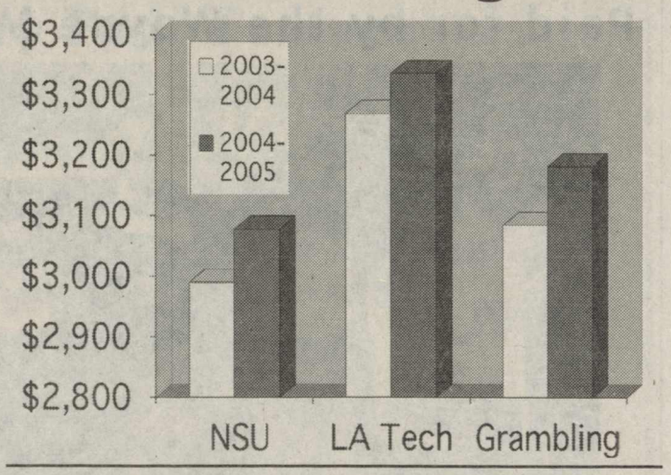
Since 1992, UL System tuition rates have risen 51 percent, compared to 102 percent in the Southeast and 131 percent nationally.

Other UL System schools will be affected by the increase.

They are McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Louisiana Tech University, Grambling State University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, UL-Lafayette, and Southeastern Louisiana University.

The average increase for these schools is $89.

Costs head higher



Mayoral candidates face off at NSU

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

Two candidates running for mayor of Natchitoches addressed NSU students' issues in a debate on Feb 19.

The event featured incumbent Mayor Wayne McCullen and former NSU vice president John Winston. The mayoral election will take place on Tuesday.

The candidates responded to questions from NSU students and a three-member panel consisting of KSLA reporter Nordia Higgins, Natchitoches Times editor Carolyn Roy, and Executive Vice President of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce Rick Pallacia.

Although the guidelines of the debate prevented the candidates from addressing each other directly, Winston and McCullen clashed on several issues, including the local economy, education and the relationship between NSU and the rest of Natchitoches.

Winston said McCullen has failed to create jobs and attract new businesses to the city during his administration.

"Because of our underemployment and unemployment, we have some serious problems ... if our students here at Northwestern want to stay in this beautiful town, then we ought to be able to have the businesses to employ them. We have not done a good job in this area," Winston said.

McCullen refuted this, saying, "We had 105 new businesses (open) last year... we have a lower unemployment rate than anyone around."

Natchitoches' unemployment rate is about 6 percent, while the lowest in the state is around 4.5 percent, McCullen said. He did not cite a source.

The candidates also differed in their responses to questions from students concerning the lack of chain restaurants near campus and the "substandard" quality of some off-campus student housing.

McCullen said NSU's drastic enrollment increases have made it difficult for the city to meet the students' needs.

"We are seeing unprecedented growth... we are experiencing growing pains," McCullen said.

He said the city is addressing these issues by attracting more eateries and student housing facilities, such as the Frog Pond apartment complex, a Chili's restaurant and a new Sonic on College Avenue.

"You're going to continue to see restaurants and other businesses come to Natchitoches," said McCullen.

Winston expressed concern over the prospect of opening new restaurants, saying they might harm existing ones.

"Natchitoches is pretty well saturated already with eateries... I would try to get involved in areas that still could stand some work," Winston said.

He also said many commuter students live in low-quality housing because most students who live in Natchitoches are looking for the best buy. Winston agreed, however, that more

See Debate pg. 3

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few showers	Few showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
74°/59°	74°/47°	69°/45°	65°/38°	67°/47°	71°/47°

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Athletes removed from suspension

By Jimmy Brown
Sauce reporter

Two basketball players who were arrested on a charge of identity theft last month have been allowed to play in games again after a month-long suspension.

Men's basketball Head Coach Mike McConathy said utility player Kerwin Forges of Natchitoches and guard Keenan Jones of Opelousas were released from their suspension after he observed how they have handled legal and disciplinary measures during the past month.

McConathy said the two players have missed more than a quarter of the team's 16-game conference schedule.

McConathy said he and the coaching staff decided it was fair to move forward in the process.

"They've been under a microscope, and to their credit, they've not only met what has been required of them, but they've surpassed those expectations," McConathy said.

While Forges and Jones can keep playing in games, they still are required to meet the coaches' disciplinary measures, McConathy said.

McConathy said some of the disciplinary measures would always continue.

"Some of those will be in effect for the remainder of their careers as basketball players at Northwestern," McConathy said.

The daily disciplinary actions include community service, physical work and conditioning, McConathy said.

Forges and Jones also must be cleared by the coaching staff to go to meals, to practice, and to class, McConathy said.

McConathy said the measures remain because ending them after only a month would not help Forges, Jones or anyone else understand how dedicated the coaching staff is to making its players accountable for their actions.

McConathy also said the measures help to maintain a high standard of conduct that reflects NSU and the basketball program positively.

Jones, a sophomore, said the whole experience has made him more mature and a harder worker.

Forges, a freshman, said he has become stronger and works harder not only for himself, but also for everybody.

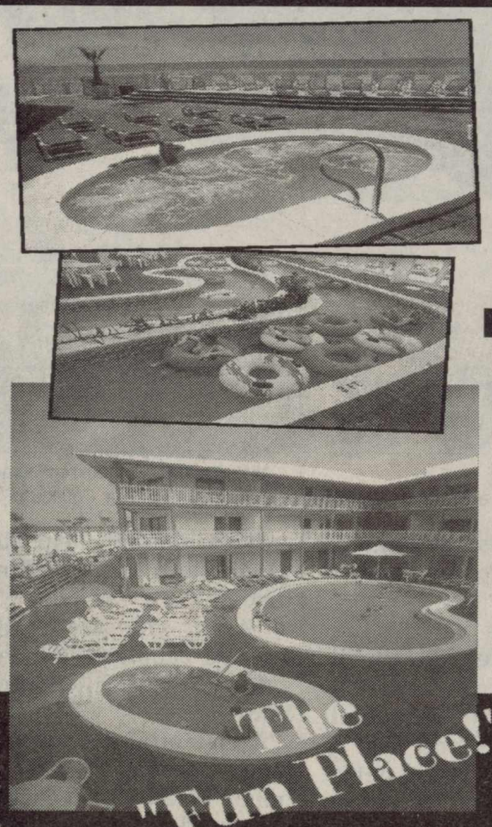
Everybody, from their parents to their coaches and to their teammates, has supported them, Forges and Jones said.

The players have not been convicted of any crime as of yet.

McConathy said the team has one regular season game left.

The team hopes to qualify for the Southland Conference Tournament that begins on Monday, McConathy said.

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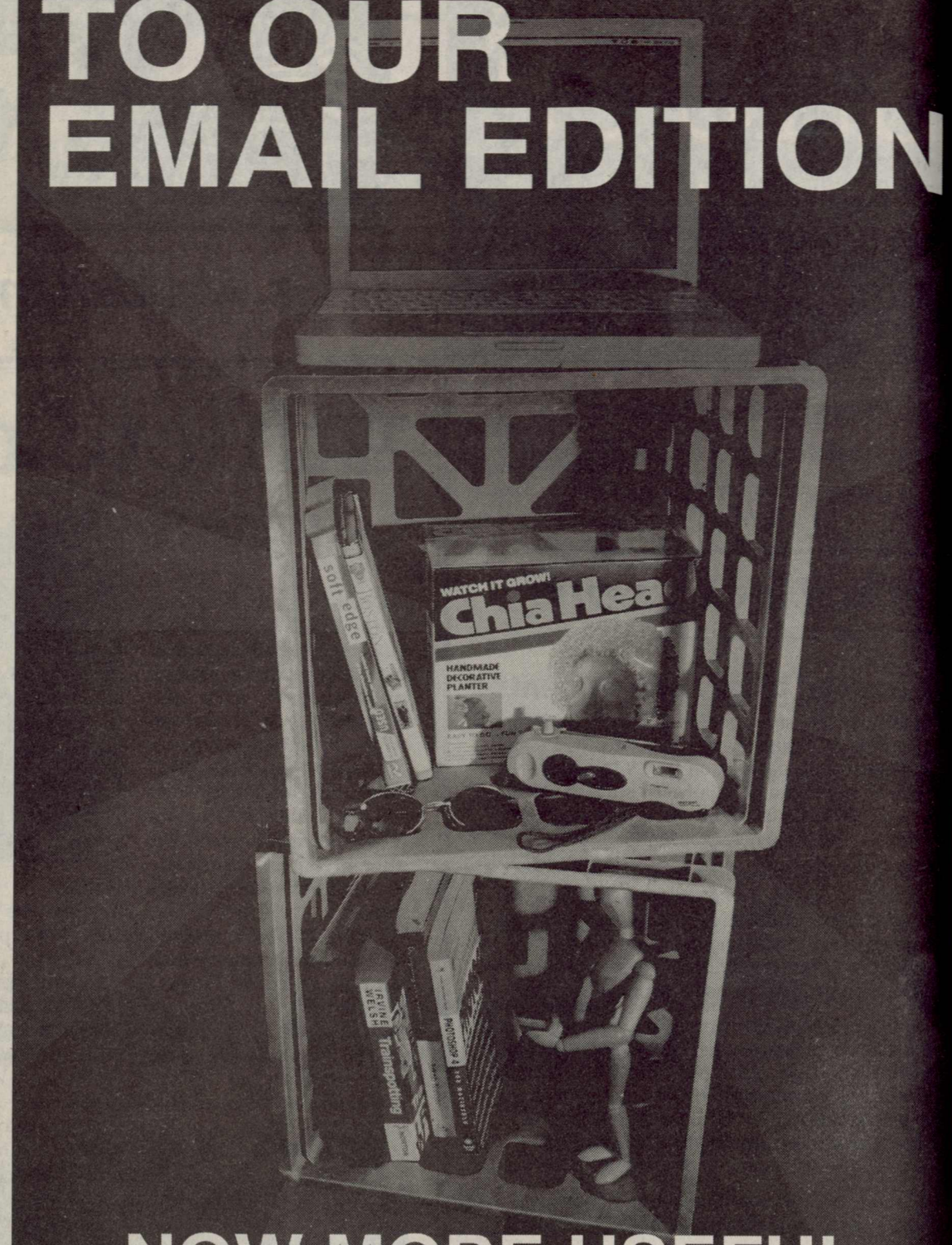


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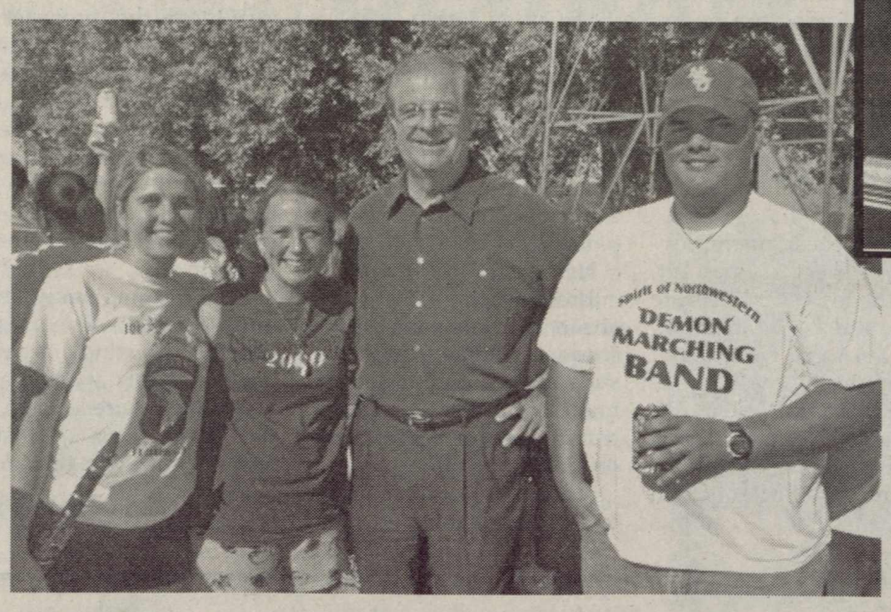
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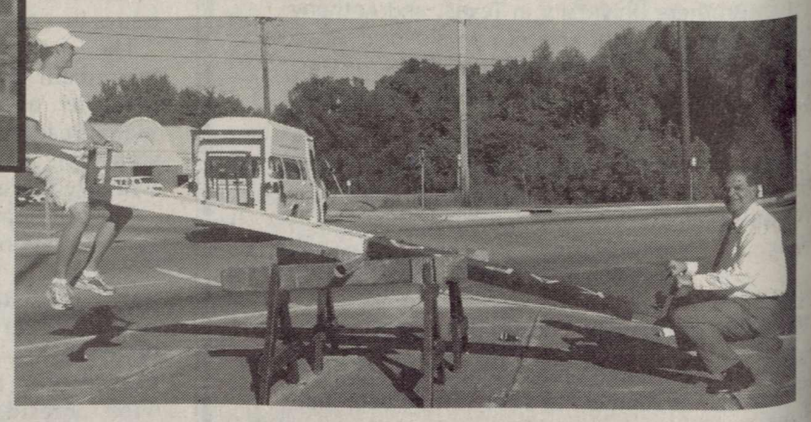
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DEBATE FROM PAGE 1

...ti-campus student housing is ...eeded.

Winston and McCullen further ...isagreed on how to address ...eavy traffic on College Avenue. ...lthough both candidates ...greed that a traffic light at the ...am Sibley Drive and College ...venue would help the flow of ...affic, McCullen also voiced ...upport for creating a campus ...ntrance on the Highway 6 ...ypass.

"I think that this is important ...o have another avenue that the ...affic can get out of this Univer...ity and get back in, in a timely ...shion," McCullen said.

Winston disagreed, saying ...hat opening the University to ...ass-through traffic would ...train campus security.

SGA President Greg Comeaux ...as pleased that the debate ...ddressed issues applying to ...SU students.

"I feel that the questions that ...id get asked by the students, I ...eel that their voice really was ...eard," Comeaux said. "I hope a ...ot of students were watching ...he debate,"

About 70 people attended the ...nvitation-only debate, which ...as sponsored by the SGA, the ...SU Journalism department ...nd the Natchitoches Area ...hamber of Commerce. The ...vent took place in the Ora ...illiams Television Studio in ...yser Hall and was broadcast ...ive on NSU22 Natchitoches ...able channel 22.

IM construction making progress despite rain delays

By Elizabeth Bolt
Sauce reporter



Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce
Construction workers lift equipment to the roof of the unfinished Wellness Center building Monday.

Renovations to the on-campus intramural building have steadily progressed, but costly rain delays have slowed work.

According to physical plant director Chris Sampite, the rain has been difficult to deal with because crews are still working outside.

"The ongoing rain is causing delays in the project and creating a muddy site that's hard to work in," Sampite said. He is concerned that the rain delays may throw off the scheduled opening of the building, which is currently for late fall or early spring.

Roofing materials have come in, and it is scheduled to be put up in a couple of months. Sampite said once the metal roof is finished, working conditions will improve regardless of any future rain.

To date, the concrete foundation has been poured, I-beam walls are being put up, interior walls have been constructed, and the air and heating systems have been installed. All of the materials sitting outside of the Caspari building are scheduled to be worked on as soon as the rain clears up.

The building itself will enclose 84,000 square feet of floor space. The basement will house racquetball courts; free- and selectorized-weight areas; a cardiovascular machine area; an aerobics studio; a spin cycle area; an equipment service center; men's and women's locker rooms; and a game room with pool, ping pong, video games, air hockey and foosball.

The first above-ground level will have a reception area, two gymnasiums with four basketball courts, a student technology center, a café', an all-purpose room, and an administrative area. The top level will have a 1/9-mile indoor track and two stretching rooms.

Members of the student affairs department and an SGA committee collaborated to write a proposal of policies and procedures for the IM building once it is opened.

Commissioner of Student Affairs Keith Gates said the committee began working on the proposal at the beginning of the year, but it has yet to pass through the senate because they are awaiting some approvals.

"I think it'll pass," Gates said. "I don't foresee any problems. I think 90 percent will go through."

Associate Director of Student Activities and Organizations Patric DuBois, who will be in charge of the new Wellness Center once it has opened, said they are always tweaking the proposal based on a lot of input, but he looks for it to pass within the next month.

DuBois said that the project is coming along very nicely and targeted to open in the fall.

Proof of water found on Mars

Courtesy KRT Campus

Exuberant NASA scientists announced Tuesday that their little Mars rover Opportunity has struck pay dirt: the first solid evidence that at least one place on Mars once was soaking wet and therefore could have supported microscopic life.

"We're at a place that at one point in time was suitable for life," said Steve Squyres, the principal investigator for Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, which is exploring the other side of Mars.

"It's a stunning result," said James Garvin, the space agency's top Martian scientist. "What an amazing time to be alive and exploring Mars."

After years of hope and speculation, the conclusive proof of liquid water — an essential ingredient for life as we know it — turned up in a rock about 16 inches high, called Capitan, that Opportunity came across two weeks ago a few yards from its landing site.

Scientists said the clincher was the discovery that the rock was packed with salty minerals, rich in sulfur, that are created only in liquid water. One of the minerals is similar to the familiar home remedy Epsom salts.

Sulfur compounds apparently made up as much as 40 percent of Capitan.

ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

2-17-04

3:35 p.m.
There was a medical emergency at the track. Natchitoches Parish Hospital trauma unit was en route.

7:37 p.m.
A student passed out in front of the orchestra room. Natchitoches Parish Hospital was called.

2-18-04

10:15 p.m.
A disturbance was called in from the front desk of Rapides. A student refused to sign in and would not cooperate. Two officers were dispatched. The subject was advised to go back to his room and was warned that if officers were called again, further action would be taken.

2-19-04

3:29 p.m.
A woman complained that a blue 1977 Caprice Classic almost ran her off of the road, and that its driver then left the vehicle and cursed her out.

2-20-04

9:33 a.m.
An officer was dispatched to advise a male subject that he could not pick up pecans in the president's yard.

2:12 p.m.
Two students complained that sugar had been poured into their gas tanks. They knew it happened on campus. They did not notice until they got to the gas station.

2-23-04

9:53 a.m.
A call came in reporting breakins at Columns apartments 217, 218, 227 and 228.

10:10 a.m.
Apartments 312 and 313 of the Columns were also reported being broken into.

10:33 a.m.
Apartments 322, 323, 411, 421, and 912 of the Columns were also reported being broken into.

9:31 p.m.
While backing up, NSU police units 17 and 29 bumped one another. Unit 17 suffered a minor scuff mark.

10:14 p.m.
At the campus' main entrance, a train hit a sport-utility vehicle. Campus police contacted the Natchitoches Police Department and Natchitoches Parish Hospital. Three campus policemen were dispatched.

2-25-04

1:03 a.m.
The sheriff's department called to see if any reports had been received regarding a white man about 6'3" tall with blond hair. He was last seen leaving the Carmel exit, headed south on 1-49 towards Natchitoches. He was suspected of taking a horse tranquilizer and 5 Zantacs. He told someone in a cell phone conversation that he was by a lake. All officers checked the lake. This may have been a possible suicide attempt.

4:00 a.m.
A call came from the Columns stating that a man had punched his arm through a window and was bleeding badly. He suffered lacerations on the thumbs and wrist areas. He was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

3:56 p.m.
A call came from the Columns about a burglary in apartment 421.

2-26-04

6:08 p.m.
A woman called to report receiving harassing phone calls from Richland Correctional Center. She was advised to call the facility and let them know what has been going on.

10:13 p.m.
An RA from Boozman called to report a resident in her room getting into a fight with her boyfriend.

11:30 p.m.
A caller reported that a female subject called a friend and said she was about to commit suicide. Officers located the subject and reports were made.

2-27-04

10:13 p.m.
A call was made regarding smoke coming from the first floor of Sabine. It was coming from a dryer. The dryer was unplugged and had an 'Out of Order' sign posted on it. The owner of the clothes was contacted.

2-28-04

4:39 p.m.
There was a wreck and a fight at the intramural field by the president's house. No charges were pressed, and the insurance agencies will handle the wreck.

2-29-04

7:55 a.m.
A woman called because her car was broken into.

8:42 p.m.
A woman called and requested that an officer assist a baby rabbit stuck in front of Varnado.

3-1-04

8:34 p.m.
A resident of Rapides called to report students shooting off fireworks.

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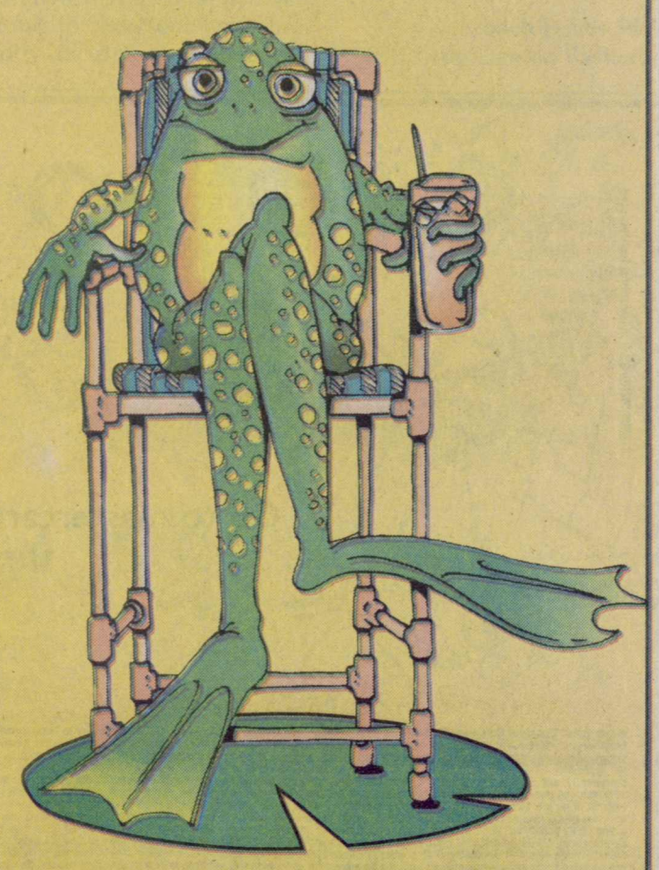
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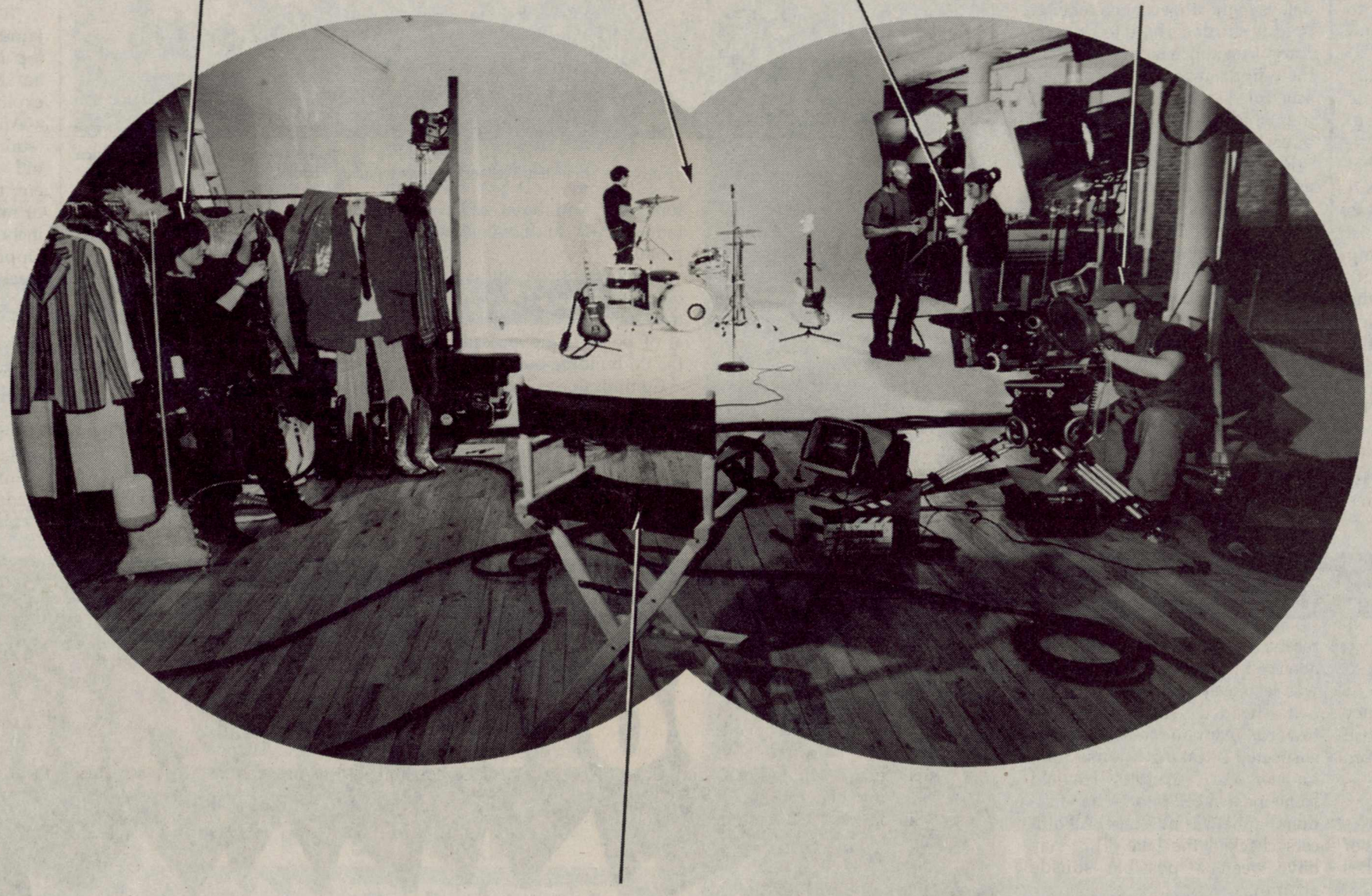
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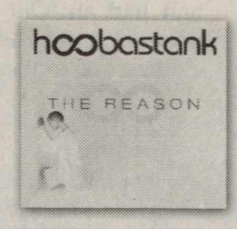
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Commentary

Saving the echoes of the Black Press

By Delvin Sims

Throughout the years, African-Americans have struggled to have their voice heard, and what a powerful voice it is. It is the voice of oppression, creativity and insurmountable strength. Thanks to the emergence of the Black Press in the late 1800s, the plight of the African-American was then allowed to have a voice that could be appropriately documented.

Black abolitionist Fredrick Douglass along with Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm founded Freedom's Journal in 1927 making it the first black published newspaper. Douglass also wrote for The North Star starting in 1847 and continued to write even after the liberation of slaves after the Civil War.

During the 1870s the White Press chose to use their medium to provoke and inflict harm to blacks following their liberation from slavery after the Civil War. This continued until writers, namely Ida B. Wells of Memphis, began to address the printed atrocities that promoted the mauling and lynching of her people. Wells, among other writers of the Free Speech movement, were attacked by lynch mobs. She continued to write about these types of experiences and eventually they were heard. This set the stage for "Black Journalism."

The Black Press eventually began to evolve into publications like The Chicago Defender, which was started by Robert Abbot in 1905. Writers for The Defender wrote to promote social change here in America and gave the African-American a glimpse of hope in overcoming the morbid turmoil in which they faced on a daily basis.

Other publications began to emerge. The Pittsburgh Courier hit the scene during World War II. The Courier was popular for campaigning equality for the African-American considering the risk he was taking in fighting for the very country, which despised his existence. During this time a black person was not even allowed to vote but The Courier hoped to change that by promoting their "Double V" campaign which stood for victory in the war and victory here in the states for the equality of black African Americans. Though the campaign stirred up the government (President Hoover wanted to ban black published newspapers altogether) the paper endured due to their adamant stance on equality for blacks here in America.

The Civil Rights movement emerged in the 1950s and with it the white press's interest involving the plight of the African-American. This also began the downfall of black newspaper publications due African-American journalist finding more interest in the mainstream media.

The days of the Black Press have died and withered away and with it died it's eminence of igniting the flame of black consciousness. Promoting social change among African-Americans today almost seems like an exercise in futility. I'll use the music industry as an example, mainly hip-hop. We have sold a portion of our culture (soul) to the music industry (the devil) and in return we receive all the "ice" (jewelry) and "throwback" jerseys so that we can "shine." Now every time you hear a hip-hop song or see a "mainstream" hip-hop artist they aren't manifesting anything with substance or soul. Instead they invade the living rooms of millions of black children masquerading around the screen bragging about what they can buy.

Music, especially hip-hop, is a medium that reaches the hearts and minds of many children today. I believe that it is our responsibility as black artists to promote a positive message among our youth because if we don't then those who sweated, bled, and died for our voices to be heard would have done so in vain. Hip-hop artists need to remember that music is a tool; a medium in which one can reach a mass audience and make a positive difference in someone's life. Talk about the overcrowded prisons packed with minorities. Talk about the poverty that plagues this nation; mainly minorities. Talk about the importance of reading and getting an education. Talk about the importance of understanding where we came from; and not just your black roots but the root of all existence. These are issues that I rarely heard addressed in the hip-hop scene or in many black publications for that matter. Let's save the music. Let's save our children. Let's save our voice.

"We have nothing to fear, but fear itself."

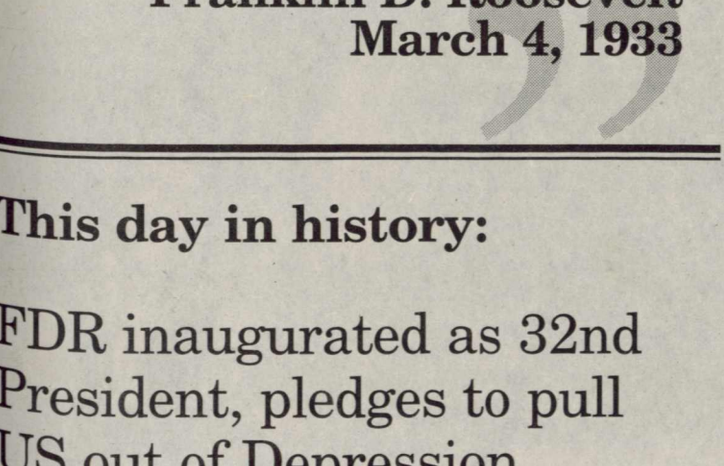
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Column

FILLER

Malnutrition



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

This week's column is less polished than usual because I have a class to attend in half an hour, but it's also going to catch a lot of you off guard because it's not a venomous rant directed at stupid people (though it well could have been). This week I'm jotting a quick piece of Filler from inside the lovely Perry-Castaneda Library on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. I'm putting my Mardi Gras break to some use other than mental alteration this year specifically to look at UT-Austin's legal department and the philosophy grad school (both ranked amongst the top ten in the nation), but a large part of my visit has been to experience that all-important "vibe."

Austin has exploded over the course of the last decade or so thanks to its rising reputation as an intellectual town; in the '90s, it was actually being called "The New Silicon Valley." The students seem by-and-large interested and competent, but the representative of the philosophy department I spoke with today also said that many of the waiters, gas station attendants and trash collectors around here have doctorates because they were students who did not want to leave the stimulating environment. UT-A is actually the biggest university in the nation at the moment, with 50,000 students, and growing.

So what have I learned about Austin? It's a big city university, which means two important things:

First, it's well funded. This library has more floors than I had time to count on the way in (rumor has it that they own everything printed in the last 50 years), and some of the professors I've spoken with are quite renowned in the legal realm.

Second, in spite of the size of both the university and the town, people seem friendly. Though there's certainly a tendency against the homey customs of my podunk home town like meeting other people's eyes or simply saying hello in passing, everyone has been instantly responsive, conversational, and quite helpful as soon as I asked them a question, even if they didn't speak English that well.

In short, I'm impressed but not in love. If there's one piece of advice I'm happy I got before striking out on this venture, it's this: visit the ones that matter, but don't fall for the first one you see. I have several more stops on my quest before I make a decision, but my visit here has confirmed every good thing I've heard and given me a feel for what I'd be doing. Visit your grad school! It makes a difference!

J. Aaron Brown is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column will appear weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

From controversy to icon



By Shantel M. Wempren

I never thought I would see the end of Sex and the City (any time soon) but I did. One might hope that the women might have enjoyed tenure such as that of ER or an outrageously long time on television such as Bob Barker and The Price is Right.

After six seasons with the fab four, we had to say goodbye on Sunday night. Nearly 11 million people tuned in to see if Carrie would choose Mr. Big or if she would end up with the Russian artist.

It's been a bumpy ride for the women who brought flower pins, cosmopolitans, designer shoes and sex into the mainstream. Over the years the women have had more than just a good time. All of the girls have had a hard time with something. Carrie has spent six years looking for love. Charlotte experienced infertility and had the choice between religion and the man she loved. Miranda gave in to an unwanted pregnancy and gained a baby that she wanted. Samantha may have had the greatest challenge of all: breast cancer. The woman, who—cough—dated every man in New York, won the battle and more importantly became an inspiration to women.

Perhaps the best thing one can say about Sex and the City is that it was not all about sex. It was about relationships and more importantly friendships. The women have experienced a surplus of problems and issues over the years but they have stayed together through it all.

And there must be a lesson in this as there is in all things. The lesson might be to expect the least expected, but I think that there may be a greater underlying message: at the end of the day your friends will be there.

So ladies, grab a cosmopolitan and toast to the four, sometimes controversial, fabulous women who have found love and somehow become pop culture icons.

Shantel M. Wempren is an NSU freshman. Her column will appear weekly on the editorial page. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

Letters to the Editor

Coach thanks student body, faculty, staff

Thanks for your awesome support this year and especially last Thursday night when Fox Sports Television broadcast our win over Texas-Arlington to two million viewers in five states. With your support, we were able to win a hard-fought game and add to the very positive impression people got about Northwestern from watching the game. There were many commercials about NSU and our academic programs shown during the telecast. I'm still getting calls, letters and e-mails from friends, prospective recruits, alumni and former players who enjoyed the game and the way NSU was showcased.

Lots of you wore purple. Some brought signs for the TV cameras and painted their faces. The Purple Haze pep band was tremendous, as usual. Our spirit groups — the cheerleaders, pom line and Demon Dazzlers — were outstanding again. When we were introduced before the game, your support brought chills to all of us on the bench. When you stood up with six minutes to go and stayed on your feet giving us encouragement, it gave this old coach and my young ladies a feeling we'll never forget. I hope it was as fun for you as it was for us, and I think it was.

That was a big win. We're going to have three more games that are even bigger, probably the most important home games we've ever played in Prather Coliseum, starting next Tuesday night (March 9) at 7. That's the first night of the Southland Conference Tournament. If we win Tuesday, we'll play here again two nights later, next Thursday night at 7, in the tournament semifinals. If we win that game, we play at home next Saturday afternoon at 1 with Fox Sports Television here again, in the championship game, with a spot in the NCAA Tournament going to the winner.

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Our young ladies, and you, our best supporters, deserve that dream to come true. Come stand with us in Prather Coliseum and let's make next week a time we'll always remember with tremendous pride for NSU!

Thanks again!

Coach James Smith
NSU Lady Demon Basketball

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BY CONNOR JOHNSON



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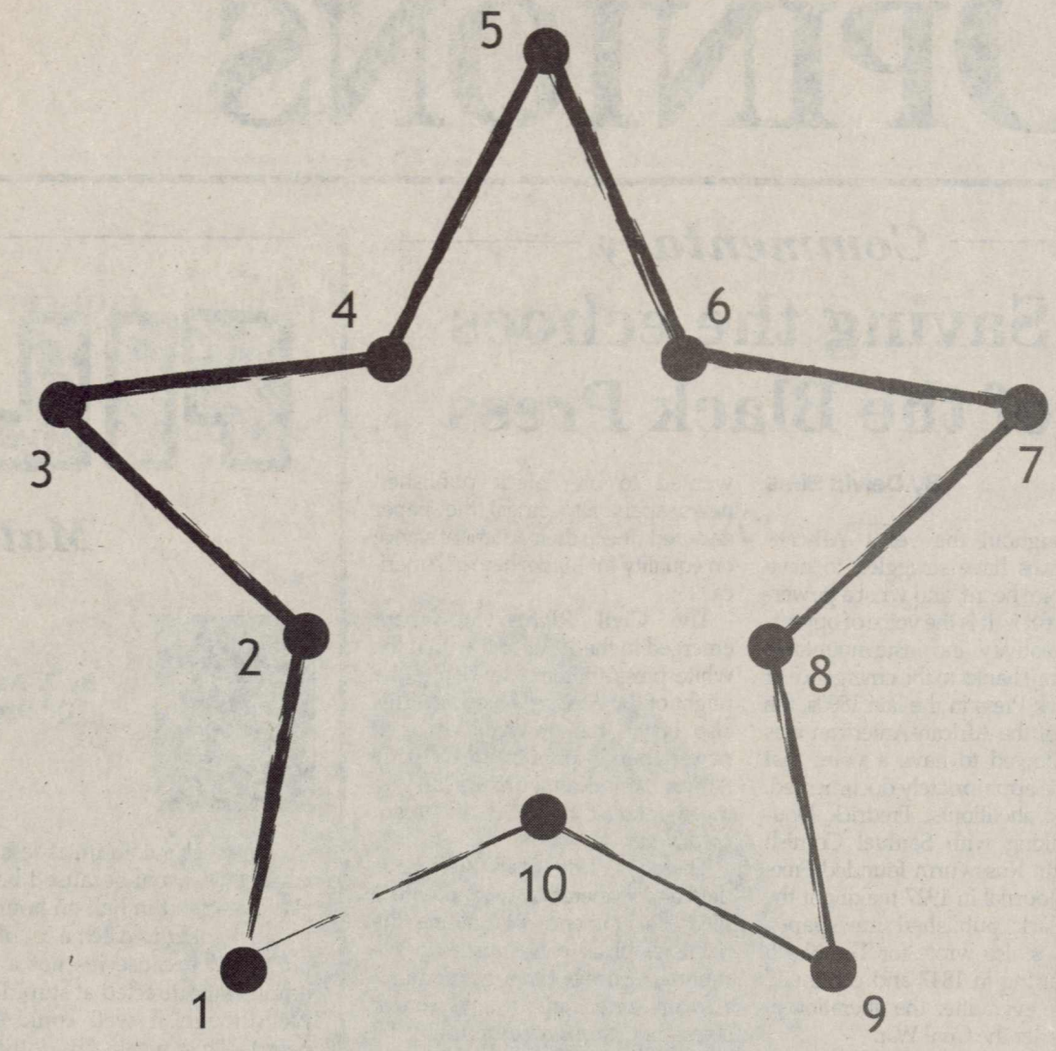
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POP Culture

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Jumpin' for Japanese

By Aaron Pizani
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We have all been in this situation: You buy a new compact disc and find it full of great music with a great beat, but the lyrics sound like something that could have been scribbled on a bathroom stall. Well, folks, I have got the perfect solution to your stupid-lyric woes.

Japanese Music. Stop rubbing your eyes, you are not seeing things. Go ahead and read it again if you need to. Japanese Music. Before you move on to another article in complete disinterest, hear me out.

I am not talking about the kind of serene tunes that play in the background of "Karate Kid" while Mr. Miyagi says something profound and introspective. I am talking about the same kind of music that is churned out of the American music factories, except with its own Japanese style.

Modern Japanese music, or "J-pop," as it is commonly referred to, has played a huge part in defining pop culture in Japan, other Asian countries and the United States.

The Japanese music industry has become one of the largest in the world, according to Japanselifestyle.com. The Internet has allowed J-pop to extend its influence throughout the world as it takes hold of youth in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The big time J-pop artists, called "idols" in Japan, grace the covers of thousands of Japanese fashion and music magazines and are frantically picked up as spokespersons by any company that has a product to sell.

Their idol status brings to them the worship and craze of a youth culture that lives to be entertained.

J-pop has roots that go as far back as the 1950s with Misora Hibari, who had as much influence on the development of Japanese music as Elvis had on the American. Since then Japanese music has evolved into an array of diverse sounds and beats.

It is not all techno and cheesy Anime opening themes, either. Sounds range from the hip-hop and rap of the "Kick the Can Crew" to the so-cute-I-want-to-hurl sound of "Morning Musume" and "Mini Moni."

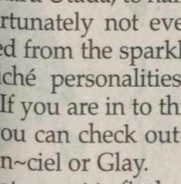
Somewhere in the middle are the rock ballads, pop and alternative of Ayumi Hamasaki, Gackt and Hikaru Utada, to name a few.

Unfortunately not even Japan is spared from the sparkly smiles and cliché personalities of boy bands. If you are in to this sort of thing you can check out TOKIO, L'arc~en~ciel or Glay.

Do not expect to find any of the aforementioned artists in the unsuitably named international section of any local music store. Spanish guitar music and *Lord of the Dance* are as international as they can come up with.

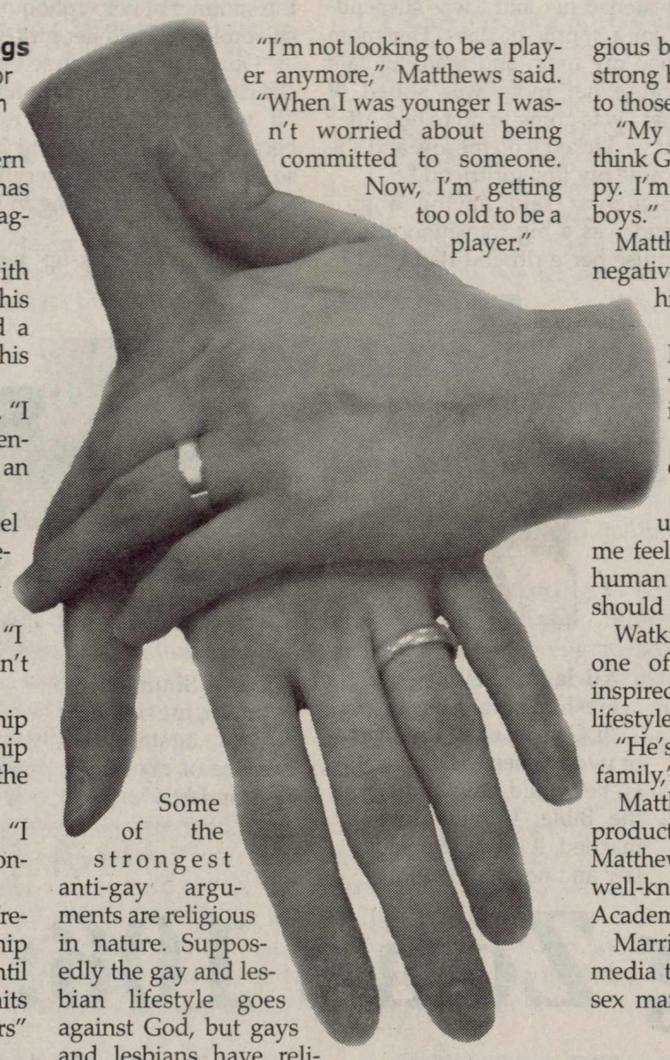
If you laugh in the face of the RIAA's lawyers, you can fire up your MP3 downloader and find practically any J-pop artist's songs. If you prefer to take the legitimate road you can purchase CD's from Amazon.com or YesAsia.com, my personal favorite.

I would like to end with a Zen moment: I was driving my '85 Pontiac by campus, singing along in the best Japanese I could muster to Ayumi Hamasaki. As I stopped at a traffic light someone in a Toyota drove up singing to Nelly. Ironic isn't it?



Alternative lifestyles

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Some of the strongest anti-gay arguments are religious in nature. Supposedly the gay and lesbian lifestyle goes against God, but gays and lesbians have religious beliefs, too. Matthews said he has a very strong belief in God and does not pay attention to those who condemn his lifestyle.

Imagine being a freshman at Northwestern and having to tell your family a secret that has affected your life since elementary school. Imagine having to say, "Mom, dad, I'm gay."

Teddric Matthews, a junior theater major with a minor in dance, told his mother he was gay his first semester at NSU, and she experienced a traumatic reaction. Matthews said out of all his family, his mother was the hardest to tell.

"I always knew I was gay," Matthews said. "I remember having crushes on boys in elementary school. I have always looked at guys in an affectionate way."

Matthews said his family has grown to feel comfortable with his lifestyle, and he is grateful that his family and friends have accepted his way of life.

"I could never be straight," Matthews said. "I could live a lie of liking women, but I wouldn't be happy. I was born this way."

Matthews's first real same-sex relationship began in 2003. Matthews said the relationship was very emotional and eventually ended at the end of the year.

"He wasn't right for me," Matthews said. "I was putting forth more effort in the relationship."

One stereotype for gay men is that they frequently jump from relationship to relationship and do not start looking to settle down until they are a lot older. Matthews said he admits that the stereotype of gay guys being "players" first and settling down later in life is true.

"I'm not looking to be a player anymore," Matthews said. "When I was younger I wasn't worried about being committed to someone. Now, I'm getting too old to be a player."

"My God loves me," Matthews said. "I don't think God wants me to be miserable and unhappy. I'm not a murderer or a rapist. I just like boys."

Matthews said he does not worry about the negative remarks from those who do not accept his lifestyle.

"Being gay is only a lifestyle," Matthews said. "It's like being a book worm, being preppie, or being a thug. It is not the end of the world."

Matthews said he tries to make everyone feel comfortable around him.

"I always think straight men feel uncomfortable around me and that makes me feel uncomfortable," Matthews said. "I am human and I have feelings and emotions. I should not be treated differently."

Watkisha James, freshman pre-med major and one of Matthews' friends, said Matthews inspired her to feel comfortable with her gay lifestyle.

"He's gay, I'm gay, and we are one happy family," James said.

Matthews is currently preparing for the NSU production of Cabaret as Kit Kat Klub dancer. Matthews said he plans to have a future as a well-known Broadway superstar and win an Academy Award.

Marriage and adoption are hot topics in the media today. Several states have banned same-sex marriages and adoption, but Matthews is

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Made in Marriage: Same-sex couples fight for their rights

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Controversy over same-sex marriage has stormed across the nation. The gay and lesbian minority has found a voice, and they have found a sympathetic ear for their cause.

The recent chain reaction started with the court case of Lawrence v. Texas. On the night of Sept. 17, 1998, sheriff's deputies entered the home of John Geddes Lawrence after a neighbor reported seeing a gunman enter the premises.

Instead of a gunman, the deputies found Lawrence and another man, Tyron Garner, engaging in homosexual activity. This was a violation of Texas Penal Code section 21.06.

Both men were held in jail overnight and each issued a $200 fine for violation.

Lawrence and Garner then challenged the Texas Penal Code claiming that it violated their rights to equal protection and privacy, as is given by both Texas and United States constitutions.

Harris County Criminal Court stated that the penal code did not infringe upon any claims to equal protection provided by the constitutions.

Lawrence and Garner appealed, and after three more separate court hearings the United States Supreme Court heard the case. On June 26, 2003, in a 6 to 3 vote, the Supreme Court struck down the Texas anti-gay law.

In November of 2003, a Massachusetts court ruled that same-sex couples were entitled to the rights of marriage. On Feb. 4, according to *USA Today*, the Massachusetts high court ruled that allowing for civil unions between same-sex couples was not enough, that same-sex couples deserved marriage.

According to *USA Today*, on Feb. 11 legislators in Massachusetts were fighting over whether or not to try and amend the state constitution. The amendment would overrule any decision made by the state Supreme Court to legalize same-sex marriages.

USA Today reported that at the time, members of the House and the Senate had already defeated two proposals.

The Massachusetts high court ruled that starting on May 17 the state must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Following in the footsteps of Massachusetts, on Feb. 12, San Francisco went against the California state constitution and began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The marriage licenses are in violation of Proposition 22, which bans the recognition of same-sex marriages in California. Proposition 22 was approved by the voters of California in 2000.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom argued that the state law, which defines marriage as being between a man and a woman, was unconstitutional and discriminated against gays and lesbians. By the end of the first day, 118 marriage licenses had been issued.

"I believe this is just one small part of a bigger picture," said Assistant Professor of Social Science Greg Granger. "It's an indicator of the splits within this country. I don't think this is going away any time soon."

The first marriage to kick off the momentous occasion was performed for Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the lesbian couple, who had been together for 51 years, exchanged vows at 11:06 a.m.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* also reported that the wording on the marriage licenses was changed to make the certificates gender-neutral. "Bride" and "groom" became "first applicant" and "second applicant," and in the ceremonies "husband and wife" was changed to "spouse for life."

As of Monday, San Francisco was still issuing same-sex marriage licenses. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that by the end of last week 3,400 same-sex marriages had been performed.

The question remains of whether the marriages would be honored, or if the licenses would be nothing more than pieces of paper.

On Feb. 14, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that the county clerk's office was handing out disclaimers with the licenses, informing newlyweds that because of the marriage they could lose rights as domestic partners and that the marriages may not be valid anywhere except San Francisco.

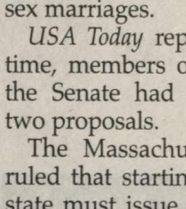
There has been some backlash. Because of these recent challenges and violations of the law, President Bush has begun to strengthen and hasten a push for a United States constitutional amendment stating that marriage must be between a man and a woman.

"I'm worried about the idea of a federal constitutional amendment," Granger said, "because I agree with those who say that constitutional amendments expand rights, and now we have one that's going to limit."

USA Today reported on Feb. 12 that several states (Nevada, Nebraska and Alaska) have already passed constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriages.

Meeks makes finals in Natchitoches Idol

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Desmond Meeks

NSU's remaining representative in the first ever Natchitoches Idol will be performing in the Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series tomorrow on the downtown riverbank.

Sophomore Desmond Meeks is one of three finalists. According to a press release from Main Street Manager Courtney Hornsby, Meeks and two other finalists, Renn Ardoin and Jennifer Honeycutt, will share the Fleur de Lis Stage with band Dollar Short from noon to 1 p.m. as part of the free concert.

Several downtown businesses will be selling "brown bag" lunch specials along with the event. In case of extreme rain, the concert will be moved to the Natchitoches Arts Center at 716 Second St.

The three finalists were selected from seven semifinalists on Feb. 13.

KALB TV anchor Melinda Johnson-Fairbanks, who served as one of the three judges in the semifinal competition, said the finalists demonstrated remarkable vocal skills.

The preliminary competition was held last semester in October. Semifinalists and finalists have been active in promotional events between competitions like the Christmas Festival.

Selma Nelken, co-chair of the Natchitoches Idol, said the final competition will be held at the Annual Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival on April 3. The three finalists will perform onstage, and the winner will be announced at the festival.

Hornsby said the first place winner receives $300 in cash and up to four free hours of studio time to record a demo, which will be sent to at least two record companies in Nashville. Second place receives $200 and third place $100.

Natchitoches Idol is sponsored jointly by the Bank of Montgomery, the Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival and Baldridge-Dumas Communications.

Nelken said the Bank of Montgomery is donating the money for the cash prizes.

Hornsby said the competition was initiated by the organizers of the Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival.

"They were looking for a way to stimulate some interest in their festival," Hornsby said.

Nelken said the competition has been well received, as demonstrated by the attendance at the semifinal competition.

"We filled the Knights of Columbus Hall to capacity. This is family entertainment that's good for all ages," Nelken said.

Meeks, who placed third in CenLa Idol last year, is no stranger to these competitions. He even auditioned for American Idol twice.

Meeks said he does not think he will need American Idol to break into the music industry. He is already recording a CD with his band and preparing concert tours.

"We've already started the actual recordings for our CD in Baton Rouge at Socket Studio," Meeks said.

Meeks' band has performed at the Pioneer Pub and the Old Fort Pub, and Meeks says he hopes to schedule more in-town shows within the month.

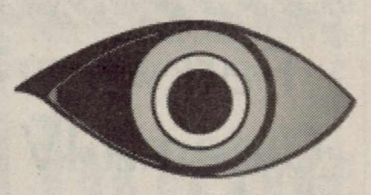
Meanwhile, Meeks will be showcasing his theatrical talents by directing "A Star Ain't Nothin' But a Hole in Heaven" for the NSU theater department in April.

Fashionable Focus



Raquel Hill

Help from A Queer Eye



This week I'm going to forget all the girlie stuff I have had in my head for the past few weeks and focus on the guys. At the age of 19, I have acquired some rather useful connections. You see, I have finally gotten in contact with Carson Kressley and Kyan Douglas, two of the five designers on the hit TV show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" on the BRAVO channel. After quite a few instant message sessions, they sent me an entire e-mail with their collected grooming and fashion tips from the show. So, here are highlights from their tips just for you 'guys' out there. I hope you find the advice helpful and interesting.

VINTAGE SHOPPING

I like the idea of shopping at vintage stores because you find cool one-of-a-kind things, but you need to find things that are of good quality. When you're buying vintage you want to look for three things:

Cut or silhouette, which is how the garment is made, the shape of it.

Fabric content. There is a lot of double-knit polyester, non-breathable fabric. There is a reason why it went away: people died.

Try it on. It is not a bargain if you're not going to wear it because it does not fit and it does not flatter you.

When you are buttoning your jacket there are just three little words you need to remember: *sometimes* for the top button, *always* for the middle and *never* for the bottom.

Must no more

Clothing that looks vintage should not smell that way. To get rid of those musty odors, simply wash with two cups of white vinegar.

YOUR STRONGEST SUIT

Silhouette+Color=Power

The quality of the suit is in how it is structured, basically it is silhouette. The thing that says power is dark, solid colors or pinstripes. Not some washed-out, muted patterns. These look casual to me. The darker the suit, the more powerful it is.

Ever Seen A Short Yankee?

If you are not the tallest drink of water, try going with pinstripes. They will make you look taller.

A Suit of All Trades

If you can afford only one quality suit, then you should have one that is really versatile.

Finishing Touch

It is possible for a new belt to be too shiny. To remove the sheen, simply hold over a pot of boiling water for a nice matte finish.

GROOMING/HEALTH TIPS:

Have Curls, Get Weight

If your hair is curly, you need a proper haircut for shape, and you need the right product to keep the curl intact and give your hair some weight — otherwise it is going to be all over the place.

Do Curls, Lose Weight

Weight training is really important because the more lean muscle mass you have, the more your metabolism rate will increase. With a high metabolism, even when you are resting you are burning fat.

Shadow For Shape

Clean-shaven is not your only acceptable option. If you leave a five o'clock shadow, it will actually accentuate your jaw line.

Tile Denial

The shower at the gym can be a very scary place. Because of germs, I mean. That is why a pair of cheap flip-flops is a gym bag essential.

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"I would tell my children that we are different," Matthews said. "And that they have a lot of love in this household."

Matthews said he has advice for those who are dealing with the negativity of coming out with their lifestyle.

"Head up young person," Matthews said. "This is a personal quote that I tell everyone. No matter what's going on this shall pass."

Ayana Slaughter, a secondary education major and native of Pineville, was an all-around athlete in high school.

After several bad experiences with guys she was dating, Slaughter decided to not date during her junior or senior year to re-evaluate her personal life.

"I didn't know I was gay," Slaughter said. "It just happened over time. As I continued to deal with guys, I just got tired of the way they treated me."

Slaughter said her first same-sex relationship began after a rumor was spread at her high school.

"In my senior year, a girl went around saying I liked her," Slaughter said. "I wanted to kill her. I threatened her and I was suspended for a couple of days. Her mom called my mom and made us talk because her mom was scared of what I was going to do to her. After that we kicked it on the low and she became my first girlfriend."

Slaughter said having a girlfriend was a big transition at first because her girlfriend had been in several previous relationships.

"In high school I had a reputation for basketball and track and me being gay wasn't possible," Slaughter said. "I went to a predominately white high school and it wasn't acceptable to be gay. Most of the people I went to school with came out after graduation."

Slaughter officially came out when she came to NSU. Then, in the summer of her sophomore year, she broke up with her girlfriend.

"Our relationship ended because she cheated on me," Slaughter said. "It wasn't something I expected because with females you become so attached. We did everything in common from shopping to basketball."

Slaughter's break-up with her first girlfriend changed her dating lifestyle for a while. She said later she began to raise her standards for dating. She is currently seeing someone who is out of college and well established.

"After she cheated on me, I started cheating on females," Slaughter said. "It got to the point where I thought I wouldn't want to be treated like that so why would I treat someone else like that. My current girlfriend said she wasn't going to put up with the cheating and she didn't have to."

While Matthews told his whole family about his lifestyle, Slaughter said she never officially told her parents she was gay.

"They just assumed I was gay," Slaughter said. "Each time they questioned me, I said, 'No'."

Once Slaughter began dating her first girlfriend back in high school, she could not keep her lifestyle from her friends, nor would she want to hide from them. Slaughter said her friends were very supportive and that she never experienced any negativity about her lifestyle because she tries to surround herself with positive people.

Slaughter does attend a Catholic church with her girlfriend on Saturdays. Slaughter said they have very strong religious beliefs.

"If you look in the Bible, it says nothing about two females being together," Slaughter said. "It says that two males shouldn't be together. God didn't tell me I had to fall in love with a guy."

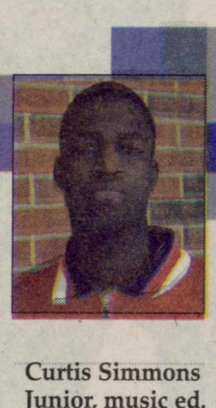
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Q&A

How do you feel about same-sex marriage?



Alicia Mitchell
Freshman, radiology
"If God wanted two men or two women to be together, he would have put it in the Bible. If they do get married, it should be under law and not under God."



Curtis Simmons
Junior, music ed.
"I'm against it because of my biblical standards."



Chelsey Chavarria
Freshman, psych.
"I'm with the President, at least he knows guy+guy=bad."



Matt Adkins
Freshman, nursing
"It says in the bible you're supposed to marry the opposite sex. Bush is right in what he is doing."



Britney Burton
Freshman, biology
"God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve"

Testing Zone 106: PRAXIS prep

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Every education major that is thinking about going into teacher candidacy or student teaching has to take the PRAXIS, which is required by most of the United States.

The PRAXIS is a standardized test that consists of multiple choice questions and a written essay. The PRAXIS is made up of many smaller tests put into two groups, PRAXIS 1, or PPST, and PRAXIS 2.

The PPST, or Pre-Professional Skills Test, is made up of writing, reading and math tests. PRAXIS is given to attain teacher candidacy.

The PRAXIS 2 is given to get into student teaching and is made up of tests that are specific to the students' area.

The PRAXIS is given throughout the year at Sylvan Learning Centers and on certain dates at some colleges — not Northwestern. The dates are in January, March, April, June, September and November.

The colleges that offer the test are Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Southeastern, McNeese State, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, Centenary College in Shreveport and Nicholls State. The mailing will take 10 business days to get the center.

The cost of each test varies depending on the test and whether it is computerized. For each time the tests are taken, there is a nonrefundable $35 registration fee. The test fee ranges from $25 to $130.

The Test

The first group of tests can be given on computer or with pencil and paper. There are 46 questions for both reading and math to complete in two 75 minute periods.

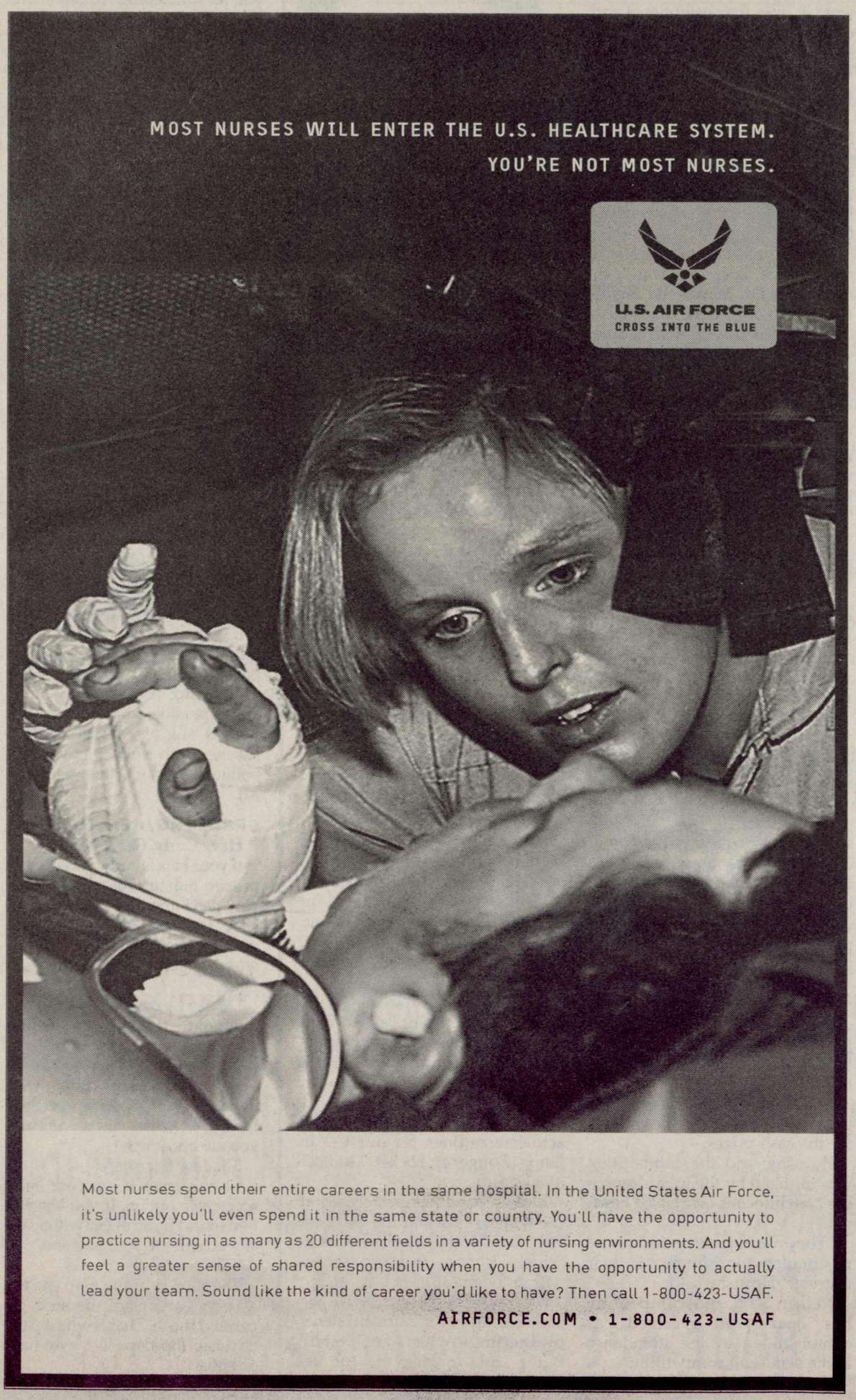
The writing has 44 questions to be completed in 38 minutes and an essay to be completed in 30 minutes. The second group of tests varies from one to two hours. The number of questions depends on which test is being taken.

Preparation

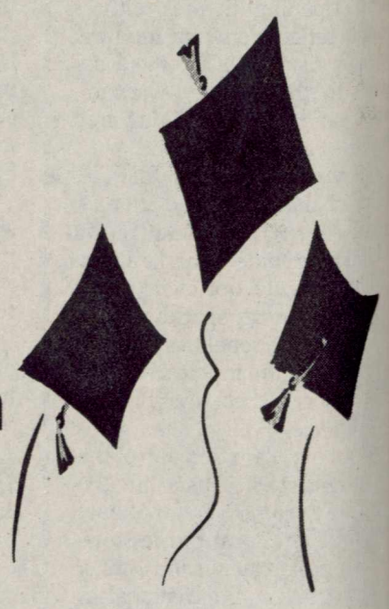
Cathy Seymour, director of field experience, recommends students talk to their advisors on when they should take each test.

Nicole Thornburg, a senior education major, said she used workbooks and her schoolbooks to prepare. Rebekah Brown, a senior education major, said she reviewed her content area subjects before she took the test.

Information on testing places, test dates, registration and practice tests can be obtained through the education department or at www.ets.org/praxis.



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reak of her own, but could not omplete her shot attempt because f a block by Lady Demon Ashley parkman.

"We are playing tougher teams," manda Bennett said. "We try to lay on the same level as UTSA oes by playing stronger defense."

The Lady Demons changed the ace of the game by making the rst steal from UTSA. Lady Demon unior forward Katrina Swanigan tole the ball from UTSA player Tywana Collins and contributed wo points off of a fast break. UTSA uickly answered with a 3-point umper by Katie Sandefur, followed y a 3-pointer by Lady Demon Bennett.

"We try to match them with every hot they take," Bennett said. "If hey score off a jump shot, then we score off of a jump shot."

With two minutes remaining in the first half, Lady Demon Chassidy Jones was sent to the free-throw line to shoot two points. With 35 seconds remaining UTSA player Nikki Hendrix traveled off of a steal from the Lady Demons, to end the first half 30-27 in favor of the Lady Demons.

In the second half, the Lady Demons showed UTSA that they had the defense to block jump shots. Sparkman blocked a baseline jump shot by UTSA player Dewella Holliday. The referee called a foul on the blocked shot and angered the Demon fans. The Lady Demons showed no anger by the referees call, but answered with a 2-point jump shot by Diamond Cosby.

With 1:59 remaining, Bennett hit a 2-pointer and was sent to the foul line to make a 3-point play, and completed the shot attempt.

UTSA tried to shoot a 3-pointer to win the game, but missed the shot. They recovered the ball with 15 seconds remaining and tried one more jump shot, but was blocked by Sparkman. Sparkman broke a single game record by having a total of eight blocks in one game.

"I wasn't thinking about breaking a record," Sparkman said. "I just wanted to win the game."

NSU vs. UT-Arlington

The Lady Demons showed the masses why they are the league leading team in the Southland Conference with a strong showing against the University of Texas at Arlington that was seen in five states on Fox Sports.

The Lady Demons defeated UTA 77-69 in overtime in front of a packed, rowdy crowd in Prather Coliseum. The Lady Demons had the lead but UTA fought back and tied the game up sending it into overtime. NSU pulled ahead in the extra half and went on to win the game.

The Lady Demons opened the game with good defense and caused UTA to make two turnovers. La'Terrica Dobin scored four points off of two fast breaks, and teammate Amanda Bennett followed with a 3-pointer.

"We tried to take the lead early," Dobin said. "We wanted to show them we are aggressive players.

In the second half the Lady Demons showed difficulty in their rebounding. Within three minutes UTA shot three back-to-back 3-pointers, and the Lady Demons could not rebound off of UTA's shot attempts. UTA was able to score six points off of the three 3-point attempts.

"Our rebounding skills need work," Diamond Cosby said. "We miss a lot of scoring opportunities by not rebounding."

UTA continued to shoot 3-pointers with more confidence. With 8:42 remaining in the second half, UTA player Tamesha Graves contributed two 3-pointers. The Lady Demons quickly answered with a 3-point shot by Bennett.

"If they want to shoot 3-pointers the whole game, then we can shoot them also," Bennett said. "We can't back down because of their 3-point shooting."

With a 1:47 remaining in the second half, UTA scored off of two fast breaks and a turnover by the Lady Demons to carry both teams into over time with a score of 59-59.

In overtime, the Lady Demons rallied together to show their team spirit. Cosby shot a 3-pointer that put the crowd into frenzy. Bennett stole the ball from UTA and followed with a 3-pointer. Bennett had a team high of 28 points.

"I was shocked to have all the fans cheering that loud for us," Bennett said. "This shows us that we have full support from the Demon fans."

Lady Techsters nip the Demons at home

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The Northwestern State softball team finally played a home opener after three straight weekends on the road and three games washed out due to rain.

NSU did not fare well in its home opener, dropping a close game 3-1 to in state foe Louisiana Tech.

The Demons could not get their bats to wake up and only mustered four hits in seven innings while stranding three runners on base. NSU could not get their aggressive offense rolling against the Lady Techsters.

"We didn't have any breaks tonight," Head Coach Eileen Schmidt said. "We didn't give ourselves a chance for breaks tonight."

Louisiana Tech got on the scoreboard first in the second inning. Third Baseman Bridget Broadnax led off with a single to left center. Broadnax would later score when designated player Alison White reached on base because of an error by first baseman Amanda Glenn.

NSU would respond in the second when designated player Kiana Scott reached base on an error. Scott later scored when Tech catcher Erin Chernicky tried to gun down right fielder Lyndsey Gorski stealing second. The throw sailed into the outfield, which allowed Scott to score and tie the game.

The Lady Techsters' fourth inning started off with a triple by Mary Cohn. Cohn would score on a White single to left field. The Lady Techsters would add one more run on a wild pitch by Demon pitcher Crista Miller as Tech added two runs to their lead.

The errors hurt the Demons and Tech as both ball clubs had a total of three errors that led to three runs.

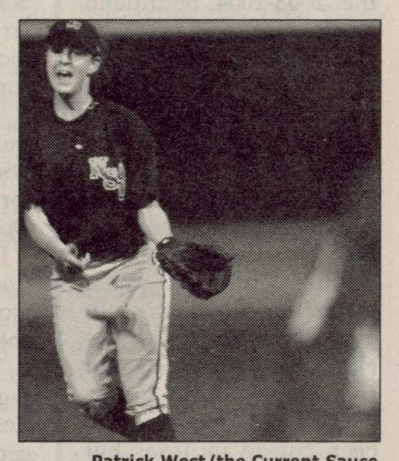
"If you are not going to score runs, errors will kill you," Schmidt said. "If you are going to score eight runs, then yes, you can make those kind of errors, but in a close game you cannot make those errors."

Demon pitcher Loni Rasberry picked up the loss and is now 1-2 on the season. Rasberry gave up three runs with two earned runs while giving up seven hits. Demon pitcher Miller came in relief for Rasberry in the fourth inning and did not allow a run or a hit in three innings of work. Miller retired 11 straight hitters in relief.

"Crista did a great job and came in and shut them down," Schmidt said.

Marla Pinkston picked up the win for Tech and is now 6-8 on the season.

Up next for the Demons is Texas State to open Southland Conference play with a Saturday doubleheader. NSU's next home action is next weekend with a three-game series against Texas-Arlington, starting with a 4 p.m. doubleheader on March 13.



Patrick West/the Current Sauce
Loni Rasberry pitches against Tech Tuesday night at Demon Diamond.

Tennis team unbeaten in last four matches

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

The Northwestern State Lady Demon tennis team followed up their win over Southern Miss on Saturday with a 4-3 win over Samford on Sunday while winning their fourth consecutive match and improving to 4-2 overall.

The Lady Demons lost 2-1 in doubles playe but rallied for a 4-2 win in singles competition giving them the overall match win.

In the No.1 singles competition, NSU's Eliza Young lost in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 as Samford took a 2-0 lead overall.

Anneline Zerwick continued her dominance by making quick work of her No. 2 match over Katie Crawford 6-2, 6-1. Catalina Villegas followed with a three set win in the No. 3's while Magali Van de Bergh won her No. 4 match 6-3, 6-1.

Samford won the No. 5 single's match 2-1 while NSU's Camila Prado won the No. 6 contest in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

The Lady Demons will return to action on Mar. 6 when they open Southland Conference play at Texas-Arlington. NSU will return home Mar. 13 against Lamar.

NSU vs. Southern Miss.

Tiebreaker wins by Anneline Zerwick and Magali Van den Bergh sparked Northwestern State to a pair of pivotal singles victories Saturday evening and the Lady Demons swept doubles play to post a hard-fought 5-2 win at Southern Mississippi in women's college tennis.

Northwestern (3-2), playing for the first time in two weeks, got a 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 win at No. 4 singles by Van den Bergh over Grace Kammerer of USM (2-2). Zerwick beat Nikhilia Narra of USM 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-1) in the No. 2 match.

Catalina Villegas of Northwestern blew past Kathi Sadofsky 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 3 singles while Alexandra Nieto gave NSU a 6-4, 7-5 triumph in the fifth position over Olivia Berry.

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NSU Lady Demon Basketball
will host a First-round game of the
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Patrick West
The Way I See It

Congrats & Grief

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I would first like to start off by saying congratulations to the Lady Demons! Tuesday night in Nacogdoches, Texas, they won the 2003-2004 Southland Conference regular season championship and locked up the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

With the No. 1 seed every game the Lady Demons play in the tournament will be at home in the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum. What made the win last night even sweeter that was NSU beat their heated rival Stephen F. Austin.

The Lady Demons have been cursed in Texas but pulled out the win last night and gave Head Coach James Smith his first season sweep of the Lady Jacks.

From happiness to grief as the Northwestern State football team lost a great young football player and a great young man this past Monday.

NSU redshirt freshman Chris Waddell passed away Monday after collapsing at practice. My prayers and condolences go out to the Waddell family and the NSU football team in their time of grief.

While at SFA, I talked to SFA Head Coach Danny Kaspar about their tragedy on January 30, 2004.

On Jan. 30, the SFA basketball team also lost a great athlete and young man in Greg Wallace. Wallace was shooting hoops at the William R. Johnson Coliseum when he collapsed and later died at a nearby hospital.

The team was traveling to Southeastern to play but returned home when they heard the news.

I asked Kaspar how his team dealt with the sudden death of a teammate and a family member.

"It takes time to get over something like this, but initially you are numb and in shock," Kaspar said.

Kaspar said his team was able to handle the tragedy better because they were in the middle of the season and had to move on.

"With NSU in the offseason right now, it will linger on longer for them," Kaspar said.

Kaspar said that NSU has bigger problems than SFA did because Waddell collapsed in front of his teammates and they watched the trainers and paramedics work on him.

"With them seeing it happen, it will be tough for them to get over and move on," Kaspar said. "It can make a team stronger especially with us because Greg's parents came in and told the team to move on and that is what Chris would want us to do. It is sort of like teammates coming around a fallen comrade."

I know it will be hard for the football team to move on, but I know the Demons will pick up the pieces.

The NSU athletic department is like family, unlike this staff where some people are not taken sincerely. I know the coaches and players will help each other in this time of tragedy and be there for each other.

- CHAMPIONS! -

By Patrick West
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The Northwestern State Lady Demons finally broke the Nacogdoches curse and won a game at William R. Johnson Coliseum against heated rival Stephen F. Austin. With the win, the Lady Demons clinch the Southland Conference Regular season championship and lock up the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament.

"I never have won anything, and it feels great to win the championship," senior point guard La'Terrica Dobin said.

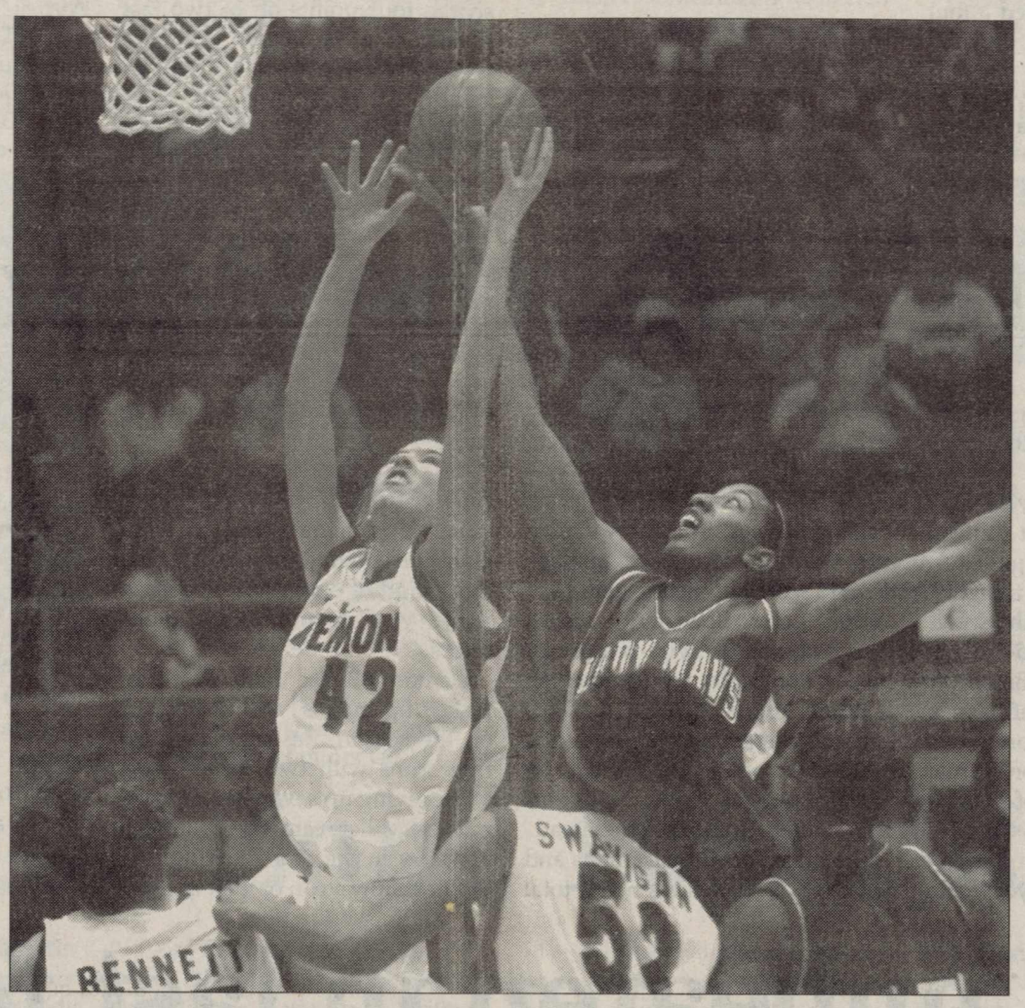
Junior guard Diamond Cosby said all her teammates won rings in high school but she did not.

"I always wanted this feeling since high school," Cosby said. "It feels great to get a ring finally."

The Lady Demons hung on to the lead and hit five out of six free throws in the waning seconds to hold off the Lady Jacks 75-72 in a close game. This is Lady Demon Head Coach James Smith's first regular season sweep of SFA since he took over the head coaching job in 1987. This is just NSU's fourth win in 16 tries at SFA since 1987.

After the game, the Lady Demons said how much they enjoyed beating their rivals at home.

"I am from Texas and I love Texas and I know about rivalries, but boo to SFA, and it feels good to beat them tonight," junior forward Beth Tallant said.



Patrick West/the Current Sauce
Junior center Ashley Sparkman goes for a rebound against the University of Texas Arlington. The game was seen in five states on Fox Sports. NSU is the regular season conference champions.

"It is great to win here, oh my goodness, I just don't like this place at all, but it feels good to clinch the championship here," junior forward Amanda Bennett said. "You can definitely feel the rivalry, but it is a love-hate relationship between us. It is a great environment here and just great to play at SFA."

"I love beating rivalries because I always heard about the rivalry between NSU and SFA," Cosby said. "It is good to beat them because they always talk noise to us."

Leading the way for the Lady Demons was senior point guard Dobin with a game high 25 points. Dobin also grabbed seven rebounds and dished out seven assists.

This is Dobin's fifth straight game with 20 points or more. Dobin also hit eight of nine from the free throw line, including eight consecutive free throws to help the Lady Demons win.

Other leading scorers were the newly appointed leading scorer of the conference Bennett with 15 points and eight rebounds, Cosby with 17 points and four rebounds, and Katrina Swanigan with nine points and eight rebounds.

This is NSU's third regular season championship and first since their 1999 championship. With the No. 1 seed secured, the Lady Demons will play at Prather Coliseum throughout the conference tournament.

The Lady Demons will wrap up the regular season Friday night in Monroe against the University of Louisiana at Monroe. NSU defeated Monroe earlier in the season in a non-conference game 79-63, and has won the last two games at ULM. The conference tournament kicks off March 9 at Prather Coliseum.

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The Lady Demons clinched a piece of the Southland Conference regular season title after defeating University of Texas at San Antonio 62-56 at Prather Coliseum.

Both teams began the first half as equal competitors. Lady Demon La'Terrica Dobin tried and failed to score the first two points of the game off of a fast break. UTSA player Nikki Hendrix blocked her shot and attempted a fast

See Champions, pg. 9

Memorial held for Waddell

By Joshua Barrios
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"Tonight has been a crazy night. Today has been a crazy day."

These were the opening words of Demon Football team Chaplain Carroll Long's closing speech at a memorial service for Chris Waddell, who died Monday after collapsing at a spring football practice.

These words described the mood of the service and of the athletic department throughout the day.

The memorial service brought about 300 students, athletes and administrators to mourn Waddell's death and celebrate his life.

The reverend Ail Harris of Abundant Life Church said he felt anger, hurt, pain and confusion from the crowd as he spoke, but urged mourners to try to make good out of a bad situation.

"This goes far beyond any bad situation, but we are here to celebrate a life," Harris said.

Foundation of Christian Athletes' area representatives Gerald and Rose Long, Father Dan Cook of Holy Cross and NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke joined Long and Harris in honoring Waddell's life.

Burke said Waddell's mother, Celeste Waddell also traveled from New Orleans to speak to the members of the Demon football team Tuesday afternoon.

"You will move forward and you will never forget Chris, but you will move forward," Ms. Waddell told the team. "Let's all move together and be blessed with what God has given us."

Other family members also traveled from out of state to attend Tuesday night's service.

As each speaker approached the podium, hopes of consoling the mourning crowd, many references to Waddell's religious beliefs were made in an attempt to give hope as well as many words of encouragement to live life to the fullest.

"St. Christopher died as a martyr and a warrior," Cook said. "Chris died as a warrior on the football field."

"It's not the years in your life that matters," Harris said. "It's the life in your years."

Gerald Long also urged the crowd to leave footprints in such a way that there are some left for others to follow.

To honor Waddell's footprints, NSU will create a scholarship in Waddell's memory as well as other memorial ideas for the upcoming football season.

"The hardest part of going through something like this here at NSU is that we are so close. We're like a family," Burke said. "But that is what will bring us through it."

Demons try to snap losing streak

By Patrick West
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The Northwestern State Demons could not play the spoiler role or clinch a spot in the Southland Conference Tournament Tuesday night against heated rivals Stephen F. Austin.

The Demons trailed in the first half, but poor shooting and missed free throws allowed SFA to take the win over NSU 69-59.

With the loss in Nacogdoches, the Demons have now lost five in a row and have dropped seven out of its last eight. SFA on the other hand improved its home court winning streak to 29 straight at William Johnson Coliseum.

"This is a bad loss for us, because it puts in a bad position for the tournament standings," sophomore forward Bryon Allen said. "We were trying to be a high seed that could have a chance for us to have a home game, but now the chances are next to none."

Now the Demons must win Friday night to get in and will travel if they get into the Southland Conference tournament.

NSU started off the first half shooting well and with a ten-point lead at one time. Then bad shooting crept up on the Demons and SFA ran off 17 straight points. The Lumberjacks had a 30 to eight run during 11 minutes that put SFA in command and allowed them never to look back.

NSU finished the night shooting 37 percent from the floor on 19 of 51 aim. The free throw line hurt the Demons the most as they only hit 17 out of 32 for the night.

"We had a bad night shooting free throws," sophomore guard Jermaine Wallace said. "If we would have made our free throws we would have won the game."

Leading scorer for the Demons was Wallace with 13 points. NSU's two big men Allen and Alfonse Dyer chipped in with 10 points each.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Bryon Allen gets the easy layup against SFA Tuesday night.

Up next for the Demons is the final game of the regular season against the University of Louisiana Monroe Friday night as NSU looks to gain a spot in the conference tournament. The game is in Monroe and is scheduled for tip-off after the Lady Demons play.

"We need just to go play Friday night, and not think about it," Head Coach Mike McConathy said. "More important than us getting in the tournament is a win, and then the kids will start to believe in themselves."

By Joshua Barrios
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The Demons dropped their third straight home game when they played the University of Texas-San Antonio on Saturday.

Jermaine Wallace and Byron Allen led the Demons with 15 and 13 points respectively. Allen fouled out of the game as the Demons also racked 28 personal fouls and a technical foul.

In only 18 minutes of play, Alfonse Dyer committed four fouls while pulling a team-leading eight rebounds. The Road Runners scored 26 of their 80 points from the free throw line.

The Road Runner defense proved to be tough for the Demons to handle as Wallace shot only 5-13 and Clifton Lee shot 4-12 on the night.

"They were pressing us really well, but we still missed some open shots," Head Coach Mike McConathy said.

The Demons also missed needed points from the free throw line, dropping from 83 percent to 61 percent in the second half and 65 percent in the game.

Although key player and Road Runner forward LeRoy Hurd missed the majority of the game due to a head injury, and many fans complained about missed or petty calls on the floor, the Demons still lost t to the Road Runners.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (10-9)

March 3, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Louisiana Tech** (11-11)

NSU 1 - **LaTech 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1
Tech	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	-	3	7	2

Feb. 28, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Georgia** (11-3)

NSU 0 - **GSU 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	2	X	-	0	3	2
GSU	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	-	6	10	0

Northwestern State vs. **Florida Atlantic** (15-8)

NSU 2 - **FASU 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	2	4	1
FASU	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	-	3	7	1

Key Player:
Lindsay Leftwich
Two doubles & two RBIs vs. Army
junior third baseman

NSU Baseball (4-5)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Clayton Turner (1-0)
Five hits, two runs & 10 strikeouts
Senior pitcher

Feb. 28, 2004
Northwestern State vs. North Carolina (4-2)

NSU 6 - UNC 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	6	9	0
UNC	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-	2	5	2

Feb. 27, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Nebraska** (4-0)

NSU 4 - **Neb. 8**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	-	4	5	2
Neb.	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	-	8	6	0

Northwestern State vs. Southern Mississippi

NSU 8 - **USM 12**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	8	8	2
USM	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	X	-	12	12	0

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Dobin named LSWA Player of the Week

Northwestern State point guard La'Terrica Dobin has garnered her second award of the week after being named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

Dobin, a senior point guard for the Lady Demons, averaged 21.0 points, 11.5 assists and 8.0 rebounds in NSU's wins over Texas-Arlington and Texas-San Antonio last week. The Bossier City, La., native scored 22 points, dished out 12 assists and grabbed eight rebounds in the overtime win over UTA. She then recorded 20 points, 11 assists and eight boards in the victory over UTSA.

Earlier in the week, Dobin was named the Southland Conference's Player of the Week for the second time this season.

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What's Current?

VP candidate to visit campus

NSU Provost and Academic Affairs Vice Presidential candidate Thomas Dukes is conducting an on-campus interview today and Friday.

Dukes is the dean of the college of business at Christian Brothers University in Texas.

The interview is part of the process of selecting the new Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at NSU. The interview includes an opportunity for students to speak with and ask questions of Dukes at 3:30 p.m. today in the Cane River Room.

Anthony Scheffler, the acting Academic Affairs Vice President and Provost, conducted his on-campus interview last week.

Anthony McKaskle

Kerry selected in state primary

Louisiana's voters selected John Kerry as the Democratic presidential candidate in a Tuesday primary.

According to Cnn.com, Kerry garnered 70 percent of the votes cast. John Edwards placed second with 16 percent. Kerry also won all three of the other Tuesday primaries, adding Texas, Florida and Mississippi to the list of states supporting his candidacy.

The primaries also made President George W. Bush the official Republican candidate. Bush now has more than the 1,255 delegate votes necessary to establish his candidacy, according to abcnews.com.

Kerry is expected to gain the Democratic presidential nod with little competition.

Kyle Shirley

Speaker to offer foreign perspective on American media

The NSU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will hold a forum on Thurs. March 11 at 5 p.m. in Kyser Hall Room 106.

Pia K. Hansen, a native of Denmark, is the associate editor of the Inlander in Spokane, Wash. Hansen will discuss how other countries view American media and the coverage of the war and politics differ in European press.

See full story on page 5

Phone-A-Thon Planned

Holy Cross Catholic Church and its Catholic Campus Ministry will be conducting its first Phone-A-Thon from March 22 through April 2.

"All funds raised will be used exclusively to develop and fund Holy Cross's Catechetical Institute," said pastor of Holy Cross and Director of Campus Ministry the Rev. Dan Cook. "We are grateful for everyone's help."

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Phone-A-Thon may contact Selma Nelken at 352-2056 or 357-8500 or Shirley Rivers at 256-3499

Robert Tummons

Despite hints, McCain will not run for VP on Kerry ticket

On Wednesday morning, Republican Sen. John McCain floated a provocative hint that he would "entertain" the idea of joining Sen. John Kerry on the Democratic ticket this fall.

By evening, McCain, an Arizona maverick, had doused the idea.

"I will not be a candidate for vice president in 2004," he said in a brief interview with two reporters. "I don't want to leave the Republican Party, for openers," McCain said. "But I don't want to be vice president of the United States, either."

The titillating notion of a bipartisan Kerry-McCain ticket has been making the rounds in Washington since Kerry emerged as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination. The two men share a friendship based on their experience as Vietnam War veterans who worked closely on re-establishing diplomatic relations with their old adversary.

Even some Kerry aides have been known to smile at the idea.

Courtesy KRT Campus



Cheryl Thompson/The Current Sauce
Senior education major Chris Deon donates blood Wednesday afternoon in front of the Student Union. The LifeShare bus will be taking donations until Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Housing audit report released

By Leslie Westbrook
News Editor

The state legislative auditor released a report Monday addressing Coordinator of Residential Services Woodrow Blair's involvement in improprieties in student worker timesheet recordkeeping.

According to the report, Blair prepared and approved timesheets for two students that included over 200 hours that the students never worked.

A University press release states that both students have paid back the money they received due to the discrepancy.

Blair was placed on administrative leave in June 2003 and is still receiving leave pay pending results of the investigation by the University.

Vice President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce said he does not know how long Blair will continue to receive pay.

The University's response to the auditor's findings were published with the auditor's report. The response includes several adjustments and clarifications to University policy inluding:

Students will not be permitted to record any time on their timesheets until the time is actually worked.

Supervisors will review all timesheets for accuracy, and any changes will be marked by the supervisor.

Student employees will not be allowed to have access to their timesheets after approval by their supervisor.

Students will not be permitted to work during times when they have classes scheduled.

Supervisors may not allow students to work over their assigned hours.

The auditor's report also addressed its investigation of English professor Thomas Petitjean's record of leave pay. The report states that Petijean recorded himself present rather than marking official leave time for 31 days when he was absent due to personal health issues.

During that time Petitjean was paid $5,681 in salary. According to the University's response to the report, the University "will charge back appropriate leave time for all documented time for which leave should have been, but was not taken."

Petitjean is currently teaching classes and fulfilling duties required of an area coordinator.

Natchitoches re-elects McCullen

By Garrett Guillote
Copy Editor

Incumbent city Mayor Wayne McCullen defeated former University Vice President John Winston Tuesday and retained his office, winning 58 percent of the vote.

According to unofficial final returns released Tuesday night, Winston won eight of the 22 precincts, but lost 12 precincts and the absentee vote. 6,551 votes were cast in the mayoral election.

Two precincts recorded no votes for either candidate, who are both Democrats.

More than 500 more voters showed up to the polls for this mayoral election than the last one, a runoff between McCullen and Winston on April 15, 2000. McCullen defeated Winston in that election by a mere 64 votes out of 5,988.

At McCullen's victory party, which sprawled across a packed banquet room and onto the balcony of The Landing on Front Street, McCullen wore a small plastic gold medal and beamed to supporters between interviews with Shreveport and Alexandria television reporters.

Members of NSU's staff and faculty mixed with NSU students, city employees and Natchitoches residents at the party.

Meanwhile, at Ben Johnson Auditorium on Martin Luther King drive, Winston helped his supporters pack the remainders of their day-long rally after giving his concession speech.

Winston said that while he did not regret how he ran his campaign, he did wish he had reached out to more campus organizations. He said the turnout, while better than in 2000, still contributed to his loss.

"He (McCullen) is good friends with President Webb, and he has good contacts with the athletic staff, the coaches," Winston said.

During the day, NSU students, as well as Natchitoches residents and other supporters, held signs at intersections across town promoting both candidates.

The candidates had previously debated on NSU's campus, and informally spoke with students on campus March 4.

Winston said that while he was naturally disappointed, he did not dispute the election.

"It's not like sour grapes," Winston said. "Hell, I lost. It's just politics."

Councilman-at-large Don Mims Jr. was decisively re-elected to his council seat, defeating challenger Marvin Blake Jr. Blake lost the District 3 council seat to Democrat Sylvia Morrow last year.

Democrat Lee Posey soundly defeated Republican Glen Monsour for the District 2 city council seat.

However, only 20 votes separated Democrats Robert E. Jackson and Billy Ray Evans in the race for the District 4 city council seat. A runoff for that seat will be held in April.

Natchitoches parish residents also passed a ½ percent sales tax for the Natchitoches School Board, with 53 percent of the parish in favor of the tax.

Election Results

Mayor of Natchitoches

Wayne McCullen (D)	**3,795**
	58%
John Winston (D)	2,756
	42%

District 2 City Council

Lee Posey (D)	**1,307**
	72%
Glen Monsour (R)	517
	28%

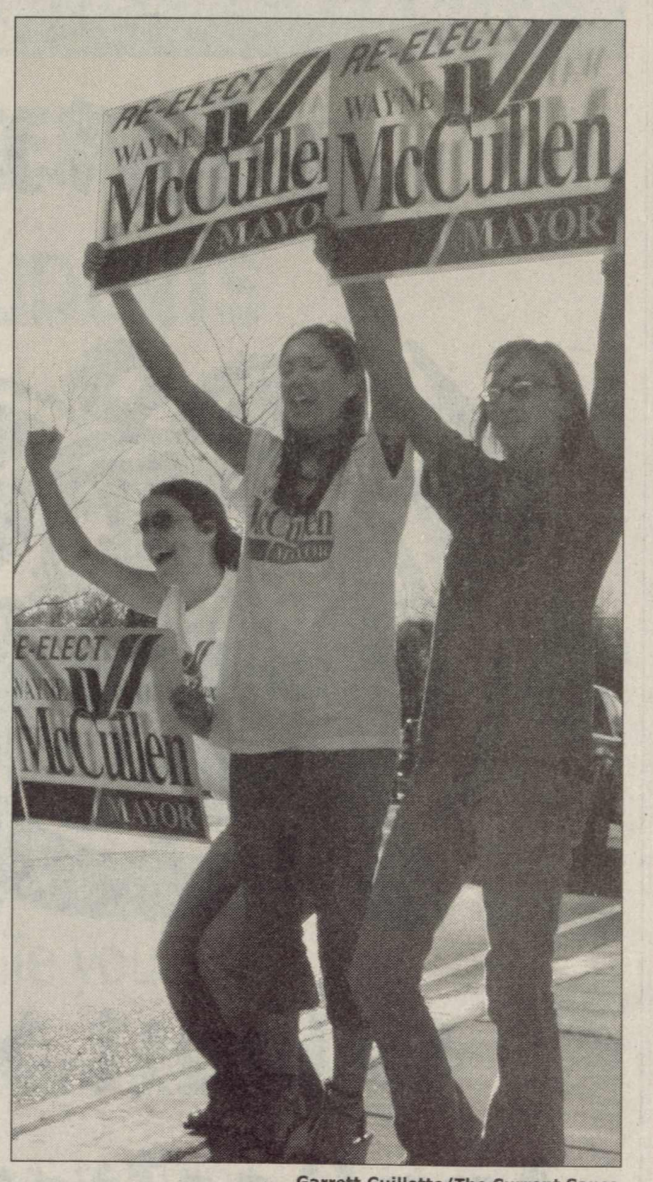
District 4 City Council

Robert E. Jackson (D)	**526**
(will runoff)	**41%**
Billy Ray Evans (D)	**505**
(will runoff)	**40%**
Lawrence Batiste (D)	238
	19%

At-Large City Council

Don Mims, Jr. (D)	**3,142**
	54%
Marvin Blake, Jr. (D)	**2,134**
	37%
Patsy Johnson Ward (O)	511
	9%

Source: La. Secretary of State
www.sec.state.la.us



Garrett Guillotte/The Current Sauce
From left, junior Laura Terrell, senior Kalene Turnley and senior Maggie Jolly campaign for Wayne McCullen Tuesday afternoon.

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Few showers	Few showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
66°/39°	60°/43°	68°/53°	70°/52°	59°/41°	65°/45°

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Sketch by Connor	4
Sports	**8**
The Way I See It	8

SGA approves organizational grants

By Elaine Broussard
Sauce Reporter

The SGA approved $200 grants to two student organizations for planned projects.

The senate also discussed three pieces of legislation, all sponsored by Senators Dustin Floyd and Keith Gates, at the Monday meeting.

The SGA unanimously approved the Organizational Grants Committee's decision to grant the Wesley Westminster Foundation a $200 grant to help fund its wireless Internet project.

American Chemical Society Student Affiliate was also awarded a $200 grant to sponsor a community service project.

Floyd and Gates' first piece of legislation was a resolution proposing to provide feminine hygiene product dispensers in at least one women's restroom in each academic building on campus.

The bill passed by general consent.

This is the fourth time the resolution has been passed by the senate, the last time occurring in the Fall 2002 semester.

Another piece of legislation was a resolution proposing to reduce the scholarship amounts of the SGA President, Vice-President and Treasurer to equal the scholarship amount of the SGA Speaker of the Senate.

Currently the SGA President receives a full scholarship, the SGA Vice President receives a three-fourths scholarship and the SGA Treasurer receives a half scholarship. The bill proposed reducing these scholarships to tuition waivers, which is the current amount of SGA Speaker of the Senate's scholarship.

This proposal was previously discussed on March 1 when Floyd presented it to the Senate as a motion from the floor. The motion failed with an 11-5 vote.

Although the proposal had been discussed at a previous meeting, it continued to generate a lengthy debate on Monday.

The bill was originally a decision to be made by the SGA alone. However, Floyd proposed amending the bill to open the decision to a student vote in the upcoming election.

Senator Abby Brocato argued against opening the decision to a student vote.

"As a regular student on this campus, I wouldn't have known what to vote for, and I don't think it should be open to the students unless they are totally knowledgeable and informed about this whole thing," Brocato said. "What is going to be on the ballot isn't going to be as informative as the discussion at these meetings."

The SGA disapproved the amendment with a 9-7 vote. However, the amendment was reconsidered, and was ultimately passed with a 15-2 vote.

Despite Floyd's amendment, the bill failed with an 11-5 vote with one abstention.

Floyd and Gates sponsored a third bill proposing to allow part-time students to be members of the SGA.

During discussion of this bill, many senators expressed the concern that if part-time students were allowed to join the SGA, they may be then required to pay student fees funding the SGA.

Senator Jack Halford moved to postpone discussion of the bill to next week's meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

English writing grant approved

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

Members of the NSU English faculty have been approved for a grant with the National Writing Project to set up an annual summer writing seminar.

Suzanne Green, an associate professor of English, and Lisa Rougeou, a national board-certified teacher, came together in an effort to write the grant needed to set up a National Writing Project site here on campus.

The grant was for about $30,000 this year and will change in amount each year for any additional funding needed to run the project.

Green said the National Writing Project is an organization on the campus of Berkeley University in California.

The project was started so that college campuses can have writing seminars to instruct teachers in all disciplines of study on how to teach students to write better.

Coordinators have been working to place the project on college campuses across the nation in order to fill the need for better education in writing.

"One of the big focuses is getting teachers back in the chairs of students," Green said. "In other words, getting teachers back in touch with what students go through as writers."

Two people — a college represenative and a classroom teacher — run a National Writing Project on a college campus, Green said. At NSU, Green will be the representative, and Rougeou will be the classroom teacher. They will set up the needed curriculum and admission of people to the program.

The project is meant to teach a group of about 20 public school teachers how to better educate students in writing.

These teachers then spend five weeks during the summer learning how to apply better writing skills to their field of study.

During the seminar, the attendees will be taught interdisciplinary techniques to improve the teaching of writing in all subjects.

"We are hoping to be the center of a web that will spread out through the northwestern Louisiana region," David Caudle, an instructor of English, said.

The grant was proposed due to faculty concern about the level of writing that incoming college students have, Caudle said.

He went on to say that most secondary teachers are good writers themselves but do not have the skills needed to educate others on how to write better.

"Personally, I got involved because of concerns for the ways secondary schools are preparing students for not only standardized testing such as the leap test, but also what I see coming into the college classroom," Caudle said. "I see a very spotty range of skills ranging from very high to very modest."

The National Writing Project seminar is scheduled to begin this summer starting June 7 and ending July 9.

It has been opened to all public school teachers in all disciplines of study.

Through the help of the of University President Randall Webb and Acting Provost Anthony Scheffler, as well as the head of the English Department Rocky Colavito and other English faculty, tuition has been waived to all those accepted to the project for this summer only.

Upon completing the project, the people who attend will have earned six hours of college credit at the graduate level in English.

For more information about the project or to apply for this summer's seminar go to www.nsula.edu/langcomm/nationalwritingproject.htm.

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3-2-04
12:37 p.m.
A wreck involving a gold Altima and a red Neon occurred between Rapides Hall and Bienvenu Hall. There were no injuries. Statements were taken.

6:48 p.m.
A call was received from the P.E. Majors building regarding an injured student who suffered a cut above the eye. The student was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

3-3-04
3:47 p.m.
A call came in about a hit-and-run in the Print Shop parking lot. An officer was dispatched to make a report.

3-4-04
5:55 p.m.
A tree limb fell and damaged a student's vehicle in lot 14. A report was made.

7:57 p.m.
A call was received from Rapides Hall to report a possible fight in front of Iberville Dining Hall, but the officer dispatched saw no one arguing.

10:53 p.m.
A call came from the Columns reporting a fight occurring between buildings eight and nine.

3-5-04
8:00 a.m.
A hit-and-run occurred on Central Avenue. The Natchitoches Parish Police Department was in pursuit of the suspect.

4:53 p.m.
An RA from Prudhomme Hall called to request an officer to look at a window that had been broken by a baseball from the nearby game.

3-7-04
An officer was sent out after a group of motorcyclists on Tarlton Drive were seen not wearing helmets.

3-8-04
7:28 a.m.
An officer was en route to the automotive shop in reference to a theft.

7:34 a.m.
Dr. Land in Bienvenu Hall Room 209 called in reference to a theft.

7:56 a.m.
A call was received about another theft. An officer was dispatched to the office to speak to the subject.

6:28 p.m.
A call came from Sabine reporting reckless drivers in the lower Rapides lot.

10:12 p.m.
A tractor parked by the horse farm had its hazard lights on. An officer was dispatched to turn them off.

3-9-04
8:19 a.m.
A call was received from Watson Library about a theft.

11:03 a.m.
A student fell down the stairs at the Student Union. Officers were dispatched and Natchitoches Parish Hospital was requested to transfer the student.

9:44 p.m.
An RA from Varnado Hall called to report a possible disturbance in a resident's room. Two officers were dispatched. A male subject was advised that he is banned from Varnado Hall and cannot return.

3-10-04
6:02 a.m.
A call was received regarding a burglary in lot 18. The driver's side had been broken into, the stereo was stolen, the dashboard was busted and clothes were strewn on the ground.

Elizabeth Bolt

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Wiring and telephone upgrades still on hold

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce Reporter

The Telecommunications Department is still waiting to begin a wiring project that was scheduled to start last October.

Coordinator of Telecommunications Tracy Brown said the project's purpose is to upgrade the wiring and telephone lines of six campus buildings, but a problem with a contract continues to keep work on hold.

Brown said there was a technicality in the indoor wiring contract with the Office of Telecommunications Management in Baton Rouge.

"They awarded a new contract at the beginning of the year... there was some protest to the contract. Once they selected who won the contract, different people who bid on the contract had time to protest the award, and that has happened."

The OTM handles all state telecommunications contracts.

One of the companies competing for the indoor wiring contract for NSU felt that they did not get "a fair shake," Brown said.

The contract awarding process is now being reviewed by the state purchasing office, which will then decide what action the OTM should take.

"That's all handled in Baton Rouge," Brown said. "That's not the University."

The contract for the outdoor wiring to the buildings, however, has been issued successfully.

"We're going to go ahead and do the outside wiring probably sometime in the March timeframe," Brown said.

Despite the indoor contractual setback, Brown said the project should still be completed by its original deadline of next fall.

The project will outfit the following buildings with wireless network access: The Health and PE Majors Building, Nesom Natatorium, the Creative and Performing Arts buildings, Bienvenu Hall, North Hall, Fournet Hall and Russell Hall.

Brown said that Roy Hall and the Teachers' Education Center already have a wireless network layer.

"There's talk about (a campus-wide wireless layer)," Brown said. "We were going to consider it in this capital outlay project, but we kind of got cut on our funds."

"It's one of the projects just kind of sitting on the shelf waiting for funding to come. We're trying to get the basic needs taken care of first," Brown said.

"We're also working... on trying to come up with some funding models for bringing in additional Internet connections for just student access," Brown said.

He said the University is trying to get a new Internet connection that would give students sole access to twice as much bandwidth as students and faculty currently share.

No timeframe has been established for this project.

"I can't say when it will be," Brown said. "I hope we would have it available for fall, but I can't say for sure. Hopefully we'll have something next month out on that."

Police keeping eye on hip-hop stars

Courtesy KRT Campus

Miami and Miami Beach police are secretly watching and keeping dossiers on hip-hop celebrities like P. Diddy and DMX and their entourages when they come to South Florida, a move police say is to protect the stars and the public.

Officers say they have photographed rappers as they arrived at Miami International Airport.

They stake out hotels, nightclubs and video shoots. They consult a six-inch-thick black binder of every rapper and member of his or her group with an arrest record in the state of New York.

The binder begins with a photo and rap sheet of Grammy-nominated rapper 50 Cent.

It ends with Ja Rule. Both men are embroiled in one of the most bitter feuds in the hip-hop industry, one that Eminem, 50 Cent's producer, has warned in the song "Bully" could lead to bloodshed.

The policing effort of top entertainers _ which hip-hop experts criticize as unnecessary stereotyping _ was created, police say, to protect the public and musical celebrities who have chosen to make South Florida their destination to live and party.

"We have to keep an eye on these rivalries," said Assistant Miami Beach Police Chief Charles Press. ``The last thing we need in this city is violence."

Government agencies keeping tabs on musicians is not new. The Nixon administration investigated former Beatle John Lennon in the 1970s and tried to have him deported.

The band Body Count led by rapper Ice-T got the attention of police nationally in the early 1990s with the song "Cop Killer." But those cases involved individual artists or groups, not monitoring across a musical genre.

"There's been no shortage of rock stars and other musicians" scrutinized by police, said Anthony DeCurtis, contributing editor at Rolling Stone magazine. ``But there has never been anything like this."

Several music executives and legal scholars say the intelligence-gathering highlights the misunderstanding between the police and a $10-billion industry.

The police, they contend, have used the slayings of high-profile artists like Tupac Shakur, the Notorious B.I.G. and Run DMC's Jam Master Jay, to justify tracking many in the industry.

"Some people see gangs and hip-hop artists as being synonymous," said Benjamin Chavis, president and chief executive officer of The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, a government-watchdog and voter-registration group.

"That's a mistake. The recording industry is a legitimate American enterprise, not a gang."

Said attorney Bruce Rogow: "This kind of conduct shows insensitivity to constitutional limitations.

It also implicates racial stereotyping." Rogow successfully represented 2 Live Crew when the rap group was prosecuted for obscenity in the early '90s.

NSU to hold Caddo Conference

By Katie Wilson
Sauce Reporter

The "place where paw-paws grow" — this is the location more commonly referred to as Natchitoches. This name was handed down to our city from the Caddo tribe.

Natchitoches becomes home to many students after they register at Northwestern State University. However, before students thought about attending the college, before there was a building to call a university, a group of people had claimed this settlement as their own. They are rarely given credit.

Visitors from the Caddo tribe will be meeting with NSU anthropologists and students on Friday and Saturday in the Student Union Ballroom as part of the annual Caddo Conference hosted this year by the state of Louisiana and Northwestern.

On Friday at 8 a.m., anthropologists and others are scheduled to present essays they have prepared on specific issues affecting Caddo life. On Saturday, essays will be read in the morning, but after sundown traditional Caddo dances will be featured.

Several types of dances will be included, such as memorial dances honoring those who have died, stomp dances featuring leg instruments, powwows or social dances and the Turkey Dance which is a woman's dance commemorating ancestors.

Observers of the dances may notice that some are danced clockwise and others counterclockwise. A counterclockwise dance indicates it has been borrowed from another tribe.

H. F. Gregory said the conference is important because it will be a good experience getting rid of stereotypes.

Moreover, students that attend will have the chance to experience what anthropologists do.

Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana take turns every year hosting this special event, and Gregory agrees it's "our turn to make them feel at home."

NSU students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and attend these events, free of charge.

More information is available at www.nsula.edu/regional folklife/news.htm.

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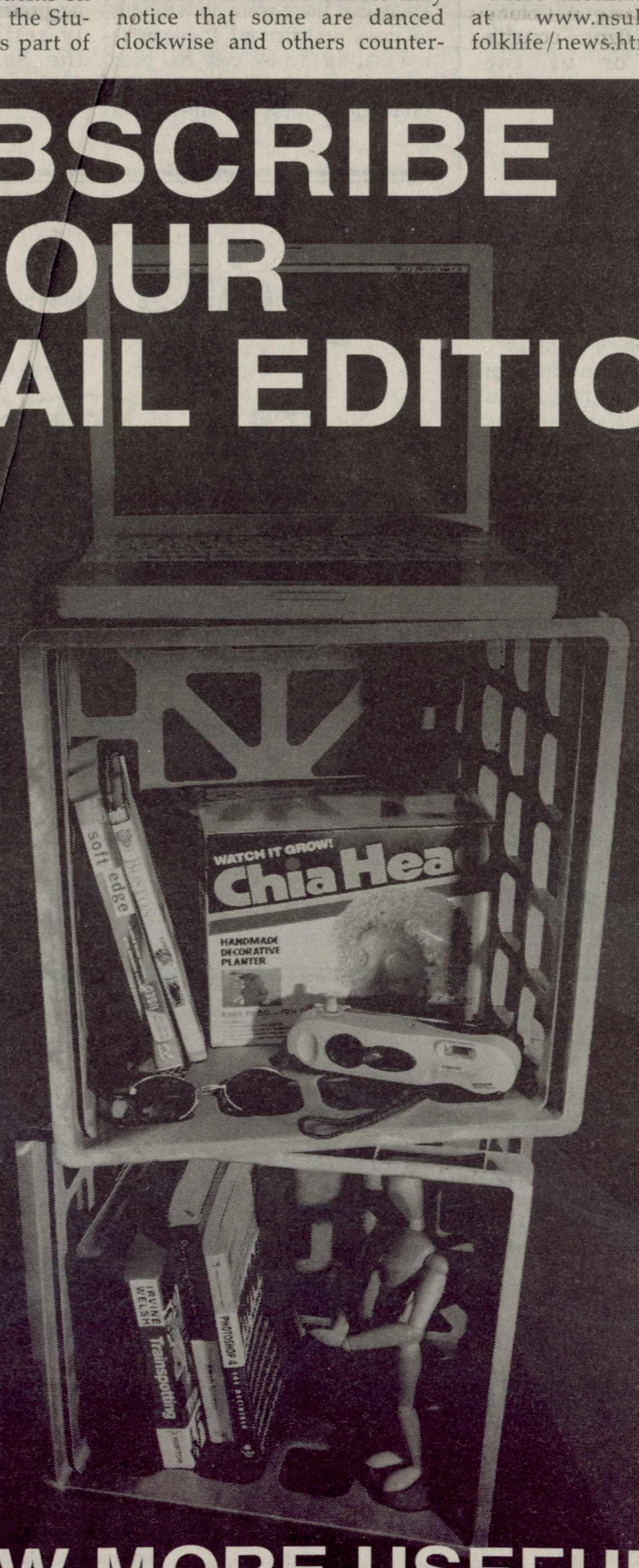
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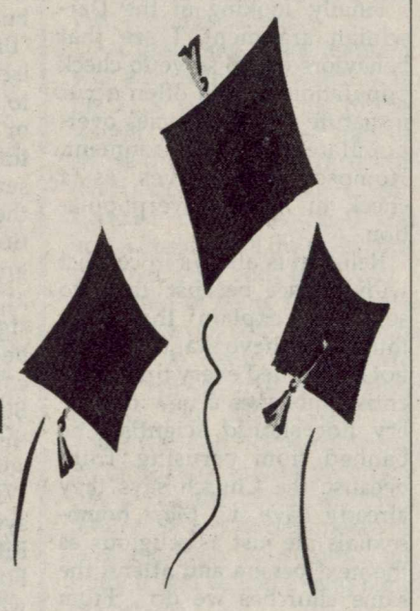
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OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor

A Thoughtful Look at Same-Sex Couples

Looking at the debate going on in the media over the issue of homosexuality, I took a moment to think about some facts and Freud. Sigmund Freud. Nearly the entirety of the conservative argument is religiously based and Freud had a lot to say about religion. Most importantly, religions have very little to gain and much to lose from the discussion of their ideas in the public scholarly arena and tend toward protecting them from debate. Truth is by its very nature infallible and has nothing to fear from scrutiny. Therefore, many religious issues like the ban on homosexuality fall apart rather easily. So being one of those, as Episcopalian Bishop John Shelby Spong so eloquently puts it, people of faith not drugged on the narcotic of religion and armed with the fact that homosexuality is not always a choice, I broke down the arguments and made some conclusions for myself. What I found is a blow to Christian faith much like the now mostly accepted ideas of Earth not being the center of the universe, Earth not being flat and sandwiched between Heaven and Hell, and physical sickness and mental illness not being the result of demon possession or sin.

First, I looked at creationists and their arguments. These people believe that God created humans and has divine providence over our lives. God created each person with individual traits and destiny. Well, if that is true then a believer must now choose between God having created homosexuals or there being multiple Gods.

Next, I looked at those who allow for evolution as God's tool. These people see humans as the pinnacle of evolutionary development, hand crafted by God. This was more difficult to unravel, because it allows God to change things but unfortunately not be able to fax that change to the religious leaders. 2000 years ago homosexuality was probably a bad thing, but today with the population over 6 billion it serves a definite purpose. If God is in control of evolution then He introduced homosexuals into the human population at some point in our history because God is all-knowing it seems logical that He would foresee eventual human overpopulation and move to check it, though initially promoting population growth.

Finally, looking at the Darwinian argument, I see that behaviors which serve to check population growth often occur in nature when a species overpopulates its environment. Homosexuality serves as a check to human overpopulation.

Religion is always in conflict with science because the two serve to explain the same things. I believe that faith need not be crushed every time a scientist publishes a new discovery nor should scientists be banned from perusing Truth because the Church says they already have it. Most homosexuals are just as religious as the next person and attend the same churches we do. From my understanding of the facts same-sex couples do a great service to the human population by not contributing to the population and by taking care of the children that others did not want or could not take care of; and no matter how I look at it God Approves.

Michael Arcement II

Reader expresses concern over newspaper coverage

I am not sure I can express the depth of my disappointment in this "newspapers"'s coverage of the Gay marriage issue, but I will endeavor to do so. I cannot overstress the importance of this issue; we are witnessing history in the making as we watch this controversy unfold. The Gay community is in the midst of a civil rights battle akin to those experienced by both women and minorities earlier in American history. I'd like to think that most of us, when looking back on those fights for basic human rights, feel at least a little embarrassed that they were even necessary. I certainly am embarrassed for those opposing this new step toward an enlightened society. However, everyone is entitled to their opinion and my fellow students'...hmm... let's say "not particularly forward-thinking" opinions are not the real impetus for this letter. Rather, I write to chastise this "newspaper" for its sadly lacking and myopic coverage of this issue as it stands on campus. I am fairly sure that a student opinion section which delivers five identical opinions is not representative of our diverse student body. Would it really have been hard to find one dissenting opinion? It is irresponsible of this publication to present such a one-sided picture of this controversy. This is perfect example of the pitifully inadequate editing which we have been subjected to since Garrett Guillotte left the position of Editor-in-Chief. The Editor is duty-bound to make sure the "newspaper" maintains high journalistic standards. But hey, at least we have a crossword puzzle again. Go back to sleep, NSU, everything is fine. This campus deserves Dustin Floyd.

Chris Billioux
English Literature Major

"Q & A" regarding gay marriage

I read the newspaper at my house last Thursday afternoon, and when I got to the "Q & A" segment, I stood there absolutely flabbergasted at the unadulterated idiocy of my fellow students. In retrospect, I can't remember whether I was so astonished at the slack-jawed, backward opinions of those surveyed or the negligence of he or she who compiled the segment. Not only did this person choose the most clich-ridden, mind-numbingly stupid takes on homosexuality, he or she only presented one set of opinions. A single scan around Scholars' College or the Theatre Department would, I'm sure, yield several supporters of gay marriage. Their voices were ignored.

I don't mean that all people opposing gay marriage are necessarily stupid (wrong, maybe, but not stupid). Yet, the word "Bible" (which, incidentally, iscapitalized when in reference to the collection of sacred texts) or its adjective form appears in three of the five opinions presented. "God" appears in one of the others. That's your justification for denying an entire group of people their rights (or at least, not granting equal rights to said group)? So, because God (our idea of which comes from the Bible) or the Bible itself contradicts something or fails to mention it, that something should be denied? What about a heliocentric solar system, which, incidentally, the Bible also contradicts? (You Fundamentalists can look that word up on your own time.)

The closest to a dissenting opinion you wrote came from Alicia Mitchell, who apparently supports civil unions, an arrangement which differs from marriage only because people like to pretend that it does. Civil unions do, however, have that separate-but-equal feel to it, a system that worked out so well for Black people that we Liberals almost had to start a revolution to overturn it.

That being said, if you want to call yourself a newspaper, pretend to have some journalistic integrity. When you present one opinion, you have a responsibility to present the other side instead of pretending that those few represent the campus as a whole.

Chad Vicknair
Scholars' College Senior

Column

FILLER

Most of us shouldn't be here



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

Higher education is not for everyone. This is an idea that is losing popularity these days, and people increasingly believe that everyone has the right to at least some public financial aid with college.

Now, I want to say right at the outset that I have no problem with financial aid whatsoever; I receive TOPS, and it's a large part of the reason I'm still in-state. Most of us, though, are here for the wrong reasons.

There's a belief that employers have a preference for college graduates in the workplace, but a lot of college grads end up in positions that have very little to do with their degrees. The average graduate paper-pusher in a corporate office learns the argot and customs of the business world by being there, and the specifics of the paperwork are not something taught in NSU's Microsoft Contract Processing 101.

To all the Liberal Arts, English and Psychology majors out there, what are you really going to do with your degree? Do you feel like it's going to make you better as a person? Are you enjoying your time here? How many of the other applicants will have the same degree? A better degree? We've become tied up in measuring things exclusively in the terms of the bureaucracy rather than looking at the merits the bureaucracy was designed to foster.

Graduate school is even beginning to lose its luster in the face of Ph.D.s of Underwater Basket Weaving and Masters of Drunken Boxing. So in the face of these dismal facts, why am I here? Because law school won't take me without a bachelor's. So you see why I'm somewhat annoyed with the emphasis on higher education: it doesn't really mean much anymore, and it's getting between me and actually studying a trade. College has become a party culture, a symbol of young adulthood, adventure, freedom, the whole nine yards of mid-life crisis retrospection, and it's just assumed on both sides of the hiring fence that the average college graduate is more prepared for the workplace than the average non-grad.

Several e-mails over this one: somebody's spellchecker misfired last week and titled my column "Malnutrition" instead of "Matriculation." If you think you should be here, e-mail me at SauceFiller@hotmail.com.

J. Aaron Brown is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column will appear weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Sauce* staff or of the University.

A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

And that is not a good thing...



By Shantel M. Wempren

It has come to my attention that Martha Stewart has been found guilty. But of what? Lying, apparently.

It looks as though the domestic diva may be off the shelves for a while, if not indefinitely. Stewart ordered the sale of 3,928 shares of IMClone stock when she learned that a drug the company was producing would not be approved by the government, and that the price of the company's stock would surely fall.

The fact is that before the insider trading matter came up, Stewart had sold thousands of shares of IMClone stock. So why is it such a big deal this time around? Because this time she was tipped, and, when questioned, she did not tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Surely Martha is not the first person in history to tell a lie. Everyone remembers that Bill Clinton "did not have sexual relations with that woman." And on the note of politicians: haven't we confirmed that the government knew that there were no weapons of mass destruction? It seems to me that this whole case has been blown out of proportion. The domestic goddess has fallen off of her throne and faces an uncertain future. Her own stock, Martha Stewart Living, — of which she owns 61 percent — continues to fall, and she has stepped down as CEO of her own company. She remains on the board but may be asked to leave that position as well.

The outlook is grim for Martha Stewart and anyone who watched her syndicated show, which has been pulled off the air by two networks. The basic fact is: Martha is gone. And for what? A lie. Martha made a dishonest trade and then she was dishonest about it. Not prosecuting her would not be fair.

My opinion is simple: we should prosecute every dishonest person in the world. From the alcoholic bums on the street who ask for money to buy food when they actually want to buy booze to the President of the United States who said that September 11 was the reason we bombed Iraq (Osama bin Laden was not in Iraq).

It has been decided that telling a lie is not the best possible idea; perhaps you should not do it.

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Commentary

Diversions Editor responds to gay issues

By Tasha N. Braggs
Diversions Editor

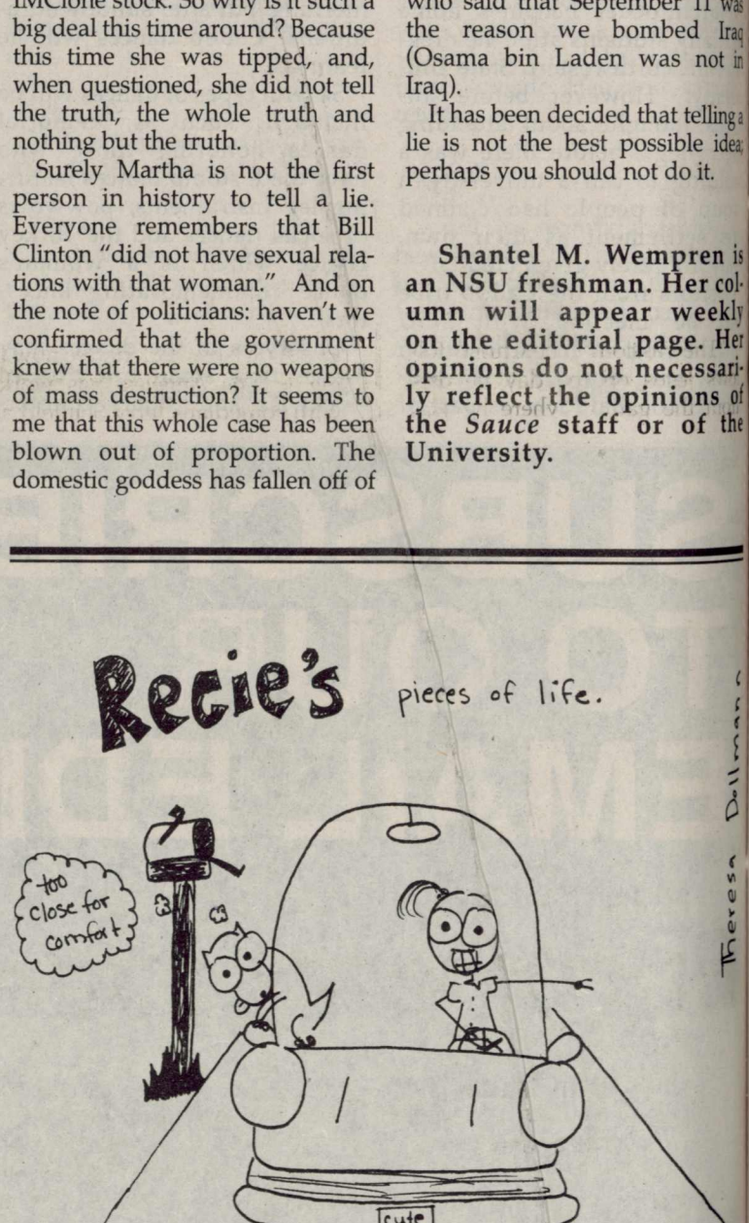
Let me begin by thanking the student body at NSU for responding to "Alternative Lifestyles" in the March 5 issue. I believe if you felt any type of emotion reading the section, then my job as the Diversions editor has been accomplished.

I did a section on gays and lesbians because they constitute a segment of our student population and to examine the national debate on same-sex marriage. While I am not gay, I do believe being gay is human just like everyone else and should be covered just like anything else in the newspaper.

The hardest part about interviewing for this section was in realizing that so many students felt so strongly about this issue, morally and Biblically. Students were randomly interviewed, and the result was not a personal bias against anyone's opinion.

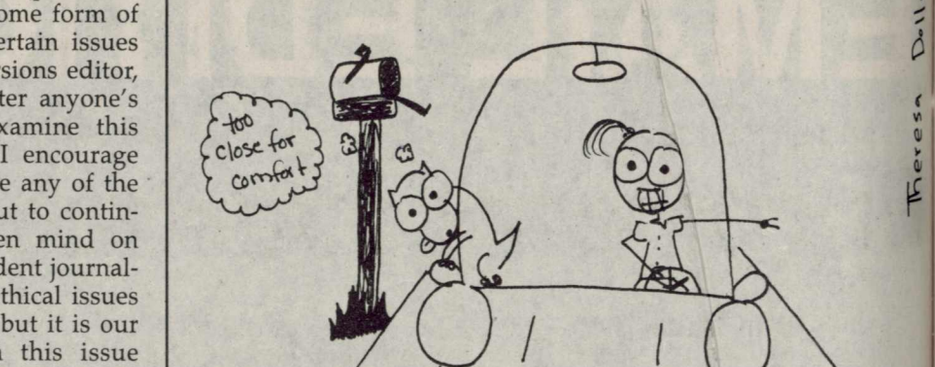
Everyone holds some form of prejudice against certain issues in life. As the Diversions editor, my job is not to alter anyone's opinions but to examine this issue as a whole. I encourage everyone not to take any of the views personally, but to continue to have an open mind on these issues. As student journalists, we deal with ethical issues like this every day, but it is our duty to report on this issue regardless of our personal opinion.

The Diversions section is designed to show diverse coverage of all areas of human interest, health and entertainment. Thank you for reading, and feel free to submit any ideas or comments to me at TasBrag@aol.com.



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Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" focuses on the last 12 hours of the Christ's life, the day of his crucifixion.

Mel Gibson's movie is spiritually and emotionally moving and a masterpiece to watch that is helped by the Latin and Aramaic languages used in the movie.

Yes, this movie is violent and brutal, but I think the violence brings the message home to the person watching the movie. The violence also helps the audience fully understand what Jesus Christ went through on the day of his crucifixion.

The violence is so real in the movie you cannot help but flinch when Jesus is beaten and nailed on the cross. This movie is not for the weak at heart, and the cameras never turn away from the violence, even as chunks of Jesus' flesh fly off his body and the nails are driven through his hands and feet.

This movie is not about what Jesus did during his life or the miracles he performed before he died. There are only flashbacks depicting the last supper, the washing of the disciples' feet and a time when he was a carpenter, among others.

"The Passion of the Christ" follows Jesus on the day he dies from the garden where he was arrested to Golgotha where he was crucified.

The movie expresses what he went through and how hard it was for him to die for others' sins. If you want a movie about his miracles or his messages he brought to the masses then look elswhere.

"You are my friends and the greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them," Jim Caviezel, who played Jesus, said.

This is the core of what the movie is about, what Jesus' sacri-

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Spring Fling 2004





Cheryl Thompson/*the* Current Sauce
Top: April and William McDaniel get a 3-D photo taken by Justin Manchester from Eccentric Entertainment on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom.
Left: Junior theatre major Brian Jarreau receives a massage from Shreveport LMT Gwen Day on Monday in the Student Union.

Daddy's little comedian

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Comedian Jamie Lissow removed some of his clothes and exposed a pink t-shirt that said "Daddy's Little Princess" in front of about 30 NSU students Tuesday night.

Lissow's performance in the Student Union Ballroom was one of the Spring Fling events sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Lissow, a New York native now living in Los Angeles, has worked with comedians Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock and has written for "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Lissow revealed the small pink t-shirt after telling a joke about men working out in gyms.

He said in every gym he has visited, he has always seen one man trying to make himself look more muscular by wearing clothes that are too small and too tight.

Lissow, who earned degrees in mathematics and psychology, said that he used to think the popular phrase "freshman 15" referred to a gang.

In college, he did not realize the term was related to watching out for weight gain, but instead thought it was a college gang that tormented first-year students.

After asking the audience what was the most anyone had paid for a textbook, Lissow said when he was in college he used to get revenge against the bookstore.

"I would highlight, but I'd highlight in a black permanent marker," Lissow said.

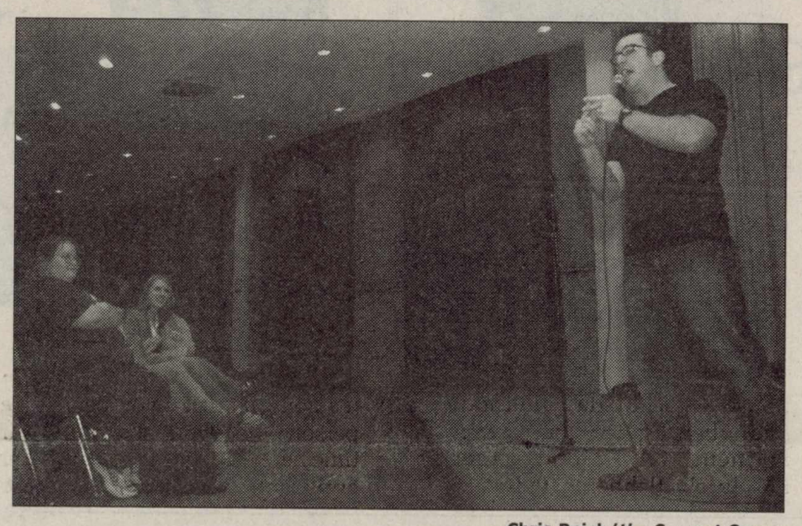
Lissow also talked about different majors, and said that many people start to dislike math once it "stops being applicable to regular life." He said addition and subtraction are useful with everyday problems.

"Say there's 13 of us, and we have a 12-pack of beer. We've got to figure it out, right?" he said. "Twelve of you need to leave."

Lissow started a joke-telling contest among members of the audience and gave the winner a compact disc, which included some of his stand-up material.

In an interview following his act, Lissow said that he does not regret quitting law school.

"I saw that piece of paper that said I was going to owe $100,000 and I was like, 'They're serious,'" he said, explaining that he left because of a large amount of student loans.



Chris Reich/*the* Current Sauce
Comedian Jamie Lissow entertains NSU students in the Student Union Ballroom.

He also said in 10 years he hopes to do stand-up comedy on Saturday nights but write for a television show during the week.

Sheila Davis, a junior special education major, said she enjoyed the show.

"I thought it was hilarious," she said. "He was a great, great comedian."

Megan Sandlin, SAB Coffeehouse committee head, said that the SAB chose Lissow after seeing him perform at the National Association for Campus Activities Regional Conference in October.

Terria Alexander, assistant director of student activities and organizations, said the $1,450 paid to Lissow covered his show, travel and hotel accommodations.

This money is provided through the SAB budget, which is made up of the $10 student association fee collected from students each semester.

European journalist to lecture at NSU

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Northwestern's Society of Professional Journalists chapter is sponsoring an open forum with a European journalist as its guest lecturer at 5 p.m. today in Kyser Hall Room 106.

Pia Hansen, the associate editor of the Spokane, Wash. newspaper *The Inlander* and a native of Denmark, said she will be discussing and comparing the practices, biases and traditions of American and European media during this lecture.

Hansen has lived in the U.S. since 1991, and she said both Americans and Europeans hold misconceptions about each other's journalistic practices.

"There is a perception in Europe, at least, that American media doesn't deal with the real issues and that war coverage, for instance, is staged and provided only with the approval of the Pentagon," Hansen said. "I know that that isn't true, but it's still the perception.

"Also, most Americans suffer from what I call 'superpower mentality,'" Hansen continued. "Since a relatively small percentage of average or ordinary Americans ever leave the country, they seem to believe that the American way is the only way. I'm here to tell you that it's not."

Hansen, who is also president of the Inland Northwest professional chapter of the Society, was encouraged to lecture at NSU by the vice-president of the University's Society chapter, Tasha Braggs.

"Pia and I met at the Ted Scripps Leadership Training conference in Indianapolis," Braggs said. "We met at a social, and she and I just became really good friends."

Braggs and Christal Navarre, NSU's Society president, applied for a grant through the main Society office in order to pay for Hansen's travel expenses. Their grant was recently approved.

Navarre said Hansen's ability to provide an international perspective on American media influenced her decision to select Hansen as a lecturer.



Courtesy of The Inlander
Pia Hansen, associate editor for The Inlander, guest speaker for SPJ.

"I wanted people to see that everything and everyone does not revolve around the United States all the time and that other countries have vastly different opinions and ideas of American media," Navarre said.

NSU's Society sponsor Neil Ralston said this lecture is likely to appeal to students from various fields of study.

"I think a lot of students will be interested in the way media from other countries portray America, especially now with everything that's going on in Iraq and throughout the world," Ralston said.

Braggs said students should be prepared to ask Hansen questions at the forum.

"She will pull you out of the audience," Braggs said. "She feels like, as journalists, you should know how to ask questions. And I respect that from her very, very much."

Ralston said the Society typically invites one or two lecturers to campus per semester.

"They're not always from so far away," Ralston said. "We may have one or two more lecturers but we don't have that planned out yet."

Braggs said there are about 10 members in the Society, which meets every other Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Kyser Hall Room 225.

Ralston described the organization as a useful and positive resource for journalists.

"It stimulates high standards among journalists and ethical behavior," Ralston said. "It also serves as a center for improving journalism both in its practice and its theory, and it encourages freedom of the press and free speech."

Hansen commented on the benefits of the Society as well.

"SPJ, more than anything else, helps you build a network," Hansen said. "I joined when I was a student, and I got to meet the people who later hired me at programs and functions.

"I also got to listen to the conversations and discussions real working reporters had at the meetings," Hansen said. "That gave me a much better insight into what it's really like working as a journalist."

Sorority to host pageant for talented 'gentlemen'

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The Lady of the Bracelet pageant gave women at NSU an opportunity to showcase their talent and confidence. Now it is the gentlemen's time to shine, recline and unwind in their best business attire, favorite throwback jersey and most intimate pair of pajamas in the 2004 Distinguished Gentlemen's pageant.

The Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority hosted its fifth annual informational meeting on Tuesday in search of the most distinguished gentleman to represent them for the 2004 school year.

Full-time NSU men with a 2.0 GPA or better, who are talented, intelligent and good-looking, might fit the description of what they are looking for.

Charmaine Owens, a member of Delta Sigma Theta said she, encourages all interested gentlemen to get involved.

"The pageant is a showcase of the best of what NSU has to offer," Owens said. "They are looking for the epitome of a distinguished gentleman of 2004, a best all-around male to represent Delta for the 2004 school year."

Melvin Ashley, a first-time contestant, said, "It will be a new and good experience, a challenge outside of books and one day help pursue a modeling career."

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, and there will be another informational meeting today in the Alley of the Student Union at 5 p.m.

The pageant will be on April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Alley during Delta Week. It will recognize individuals who excel in physique, style and personality -- not just athletic or mental ability.

A scholarship will be awarded from Delta Sigma Theta to the first runner-up and the distinguished gentleman while proceeds go to Habitat for Humani-

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Fashionable Focus



Raquel Hill

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It's good for you

As you probably already know, water is essential for survival. However, even though we know it is important, we humans can get neglectful at times. We get wrapped up in our busy lives that we forget just how vital water is to our systems.

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- The average adult body is 55 to 75 percent water; two-thirds of your body weight is water.
- Everyday your body must replace two quarts of water. That is why it is recommended that you need to drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day to stay healthy and hydrated.
- Water aids in digestion and absorption of food, regulates body temperature and carries oxygen to every part of your body. It also cushions your joints and protects vital organs and tissues.
- If you don't drink plenty of water each day, severe dehydration, hypertension and migraines could result.

Ok, so now you know the health benefits of water. Let's get down to the benefits water can have on your physical appearance.

- Drinking the correct amount of water each day is healthy for your skin. Water keeps your skin hydrated, which means your skin won't break, crack or dry up as easily if you don't take care of it.
- Water has also been proven as an "anti-acne" collaborator. The water allows your pores to open up and breathe, which will help those with acne treat present pimple problems and prevent future breakouts.
- Consuming water regularly will also help you watch your figure. If you are trying to lose weight, tone up or get back in shape, drink lots of the clear stuff (and I don't mean Skyy). Your appetite could decrease, and you'll flush out all the toxins that take over your body every day.
- Tired of being tired? Drink two glasses of cold water before you go to sleep at night. The water will hydrate your body during your REM cycles and you'll wake up feeling rejuvenated and ready to take on a new day. Also, the water will help reduce the dark circles under you eyes and keep them from being puffy if you've had a long night of partying.

So the next time you reach into the refrigerator, grab a nice cold bottle of water and feel confident that you're getting healthy and beautiful with every gulp—then remember, you've got seven more glasses just waiting to make you feel and look your best!

Correction:

In last week's issue, Dezmond Meeks name was misspelled.

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ty.

A senior and second-time contestant Travis Reams said, "It is No. 1, a fun experience. It gives an inside view of what women might go through.

I really enjoyed the pageant the first time and wanted to participate again," Reams said. "It is a good way to get involved at NSU."

On Saturday, Delta Sigma Theta will also present Red Run for AIDS Awareness, to recognize AIDS victims and survivors. Registration will begin 8 a.m. in front of Prather Coliseum.

The one-mile walk and rally begins at the coliseum and will end in front of the Student Union. The mayor, among others, is scheduled to speak to inform about AIDS.

Free food, drinks and music are included. Events are free to the public.

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fice meant. This movie with all of its violence is supposed to either bring faith to someone or make someone believe again, not be anti-semantic and make people hate the Jews.

This movie might be violent, full of gore and blood, but people should go to theatres and watch this absolute masterpiece. Whether or not you are religious, I am pretty sure this movie will touch and move you in some way. I know it touched me spiritually and made me realize what the Christ did for me, making my faith even stronger.

Caviezel does a superb job playing Jesus. Caviezel brings to Jesus a heroic physical effort that brings out the pain and suffering Jesus went through.

Another high point of the movie was the stunning cinematography by Caleb Deschanel. I felt like I was watching a movie that was shot in the days that Jesus was crucified.

Maia Morgenstern also did a fantastic job playing Jesus' mother, Mary. Morgenstern shows Mary's love for Jesus when she wipes up his blood after whips scourge him. I was enthralled by Morgenstern's performance and felt her pain as she watched her son die on the cross.

Mel Gibson did an excellent job directing this movie, and I think it is his best movie to date, directing or acting. Go to the theatres and check this five-star movie out and experience it for yourself.

Getting to know you



Name: Michael Cobb

Education: Master's degree in English from University of North Texas

Family: wife, Jennifer, and four zen masters, all cats

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

What do you teach: English

What is your philosophy on teaching: "The student should strive to become a self-reliant learner. My job is to facilitate that transition from dependence to independence. Don't ever depend on anyone else for your education-not a teacher and certainly not an institution. Be bold and courageous and become self-reliant."



Name: Candice Thompson

Age: 21

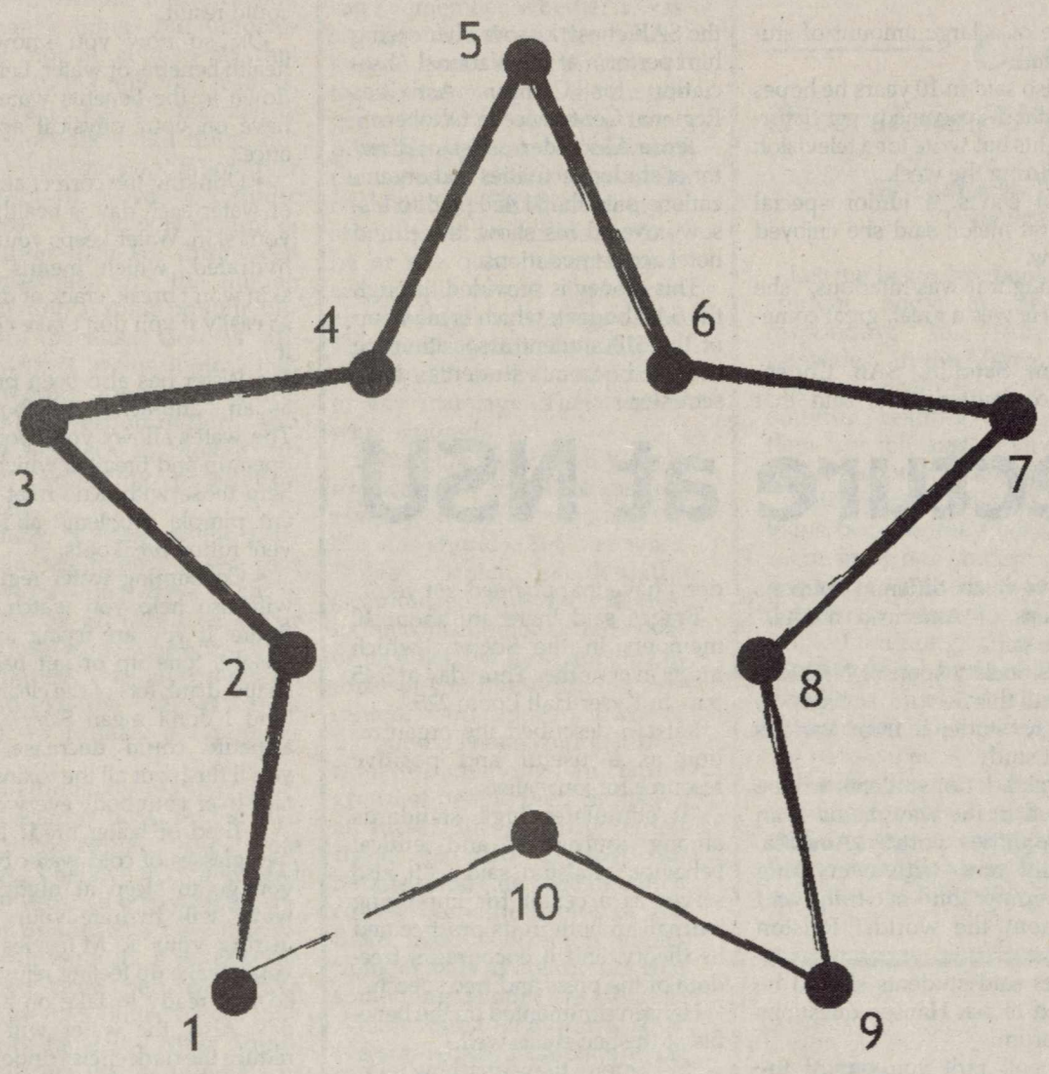
Class: Sophomore

Family: Mom, daughter, boyfriend

Hometown: Key West, Fla.

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of the Year Chassidy Jones also chipped in on the rebounding effort by coming down with 11 rebounds.

"Ashley and Chassidy did a great job on the boards tonight for us," Smith said.

SLC Player of the Year Dobin led the Lady Demons with 22 points, seven assists and seven rebounds, while Sparkman contributed nine points. Jones also scored 10 points, giving her a double-double for the night.

NSU plays University of Texas-San Antonio at Prather Coliseum Thursday night at 7 p.m. for the tournament's second round. The Lady Demons beat UTSA twice this season — 71-64 at San Antonio and 62-56 at Prather Coliseum. With the second win against UTSA, NSU clinched a share of the conference regular season title, which the Lady Demons won outright in their next game.

Dobin torched the Lady Roadrunners in their two conference games, scoring a combined 44 points, 17 assists and 14 rebounds. Sparkman broke the school record of eight blocked shots against UTSA last time they played.

In their last meeting, neither team shot well, as NSU shot just 36 percent while holding UTSA to 33 percent shooting.

"As we go along this week it will get tougher, and we need to do a better job in all aspects," Smith said. "UTSA matches up with us pretty well and they have size, but if we continue to rebound like we did then we will be fine."

The game is free to students and faculty, so head out to Prather Coliseum and catch some March Madness.

BASEBALL FROM PAGE 8

NSU 3 - TAM-CC 6

The Demons thought they had won the second game of the double header as they led the Islanders 2-0 in the seventh innng.

In that inning, the Demons committed three errors, giving up all six of the Islanders' unearned runs.

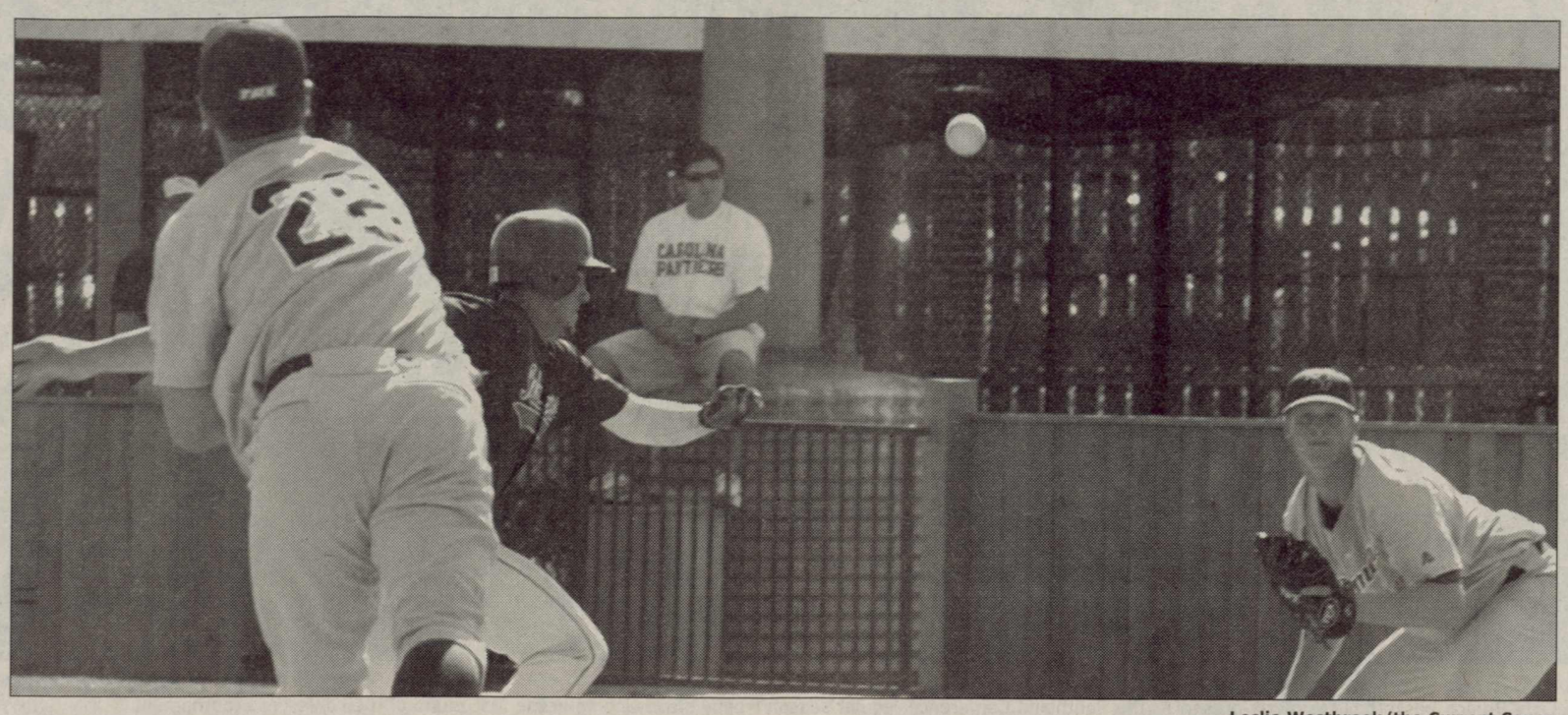
"You can't commit three errors in an inning and five in a game and expect to win," Gaspard said.

Jones came in to relieve pitcher Daniel Lonsberry, giving up no runs on only two hits, but the damage had already been done.

NSU 6 - TAM-CC 10

Sunday, the Demons entered the final game of the three-game series against the Islanders hoping to take two out of three wins, but the Islanders wanted the same thing.

Islander pitcher Trey Hearne pitched a complete game and struck out six Demons while on his way to his third win of the season.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

Sophomore pitcher Cory Keener tries to catch the runner sleeping, quickly throwing back to Bobby Barbier at first base to try to get the runner out.

Jones, Josh Boop and Brandon Morgan pulled off clutch hitting to tie the game in the fifth inning, but the Islanders took the game as they scored one run in the sixth inning and five in the seventh.

The Demons will play a three-game road series against Jacksonville State University this weekend and a single game against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock on Tuesday before returning home for a three-game series against the University of Louisiana-Monroe next weekend.

NSU 15 - Grambling 0

Courtesy Sports Information

The Demons got a much needed dominant game Tuesday night, beating Grambling 15-0.

The Demons used three pitchers in the shutout as the trio gave up just three hits and struck out 12 batters in the rout. Starting pitcher Rusty Jones earned the win tossing four innings while striking out seven. Daniel Desclouds and Mike Breaux finished out the game.

Josh Boop continued his hot streak going 3-for-5 from the plate with a double and three RBI. Miles Durham added two hit while Tigger Lyles went 2-for-3 with a triple and a run batted in as the Demons collected 14 hits on the night.

"We relaxed and played well," said NSU head coach Mitch Gaspard. "Hopefully this gets things going into the weekend."

The Demons, now 6-7 on the season, will travel to play a three game series at Jacksonville State beginning Friday.

Demon Crew starts off spring season at home

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The NSU Crew opened up their spring season with a spring training race that saw teams from Texas, Louisiana and Missouri competing.

NSU raced against top competition in the Texas Crew, the Tulane Crew and Washington University of St. Louis. This is not NSU's first competition of the season, as the crew made a trip to Atlanta in February to compete in the Erg Sprints.

The sprint races held on Cane River Lake Saturday afternoon were NSU's first competitive races of the spring season.

The races started off with the eight-boats racing first with the four-boats to come later in the evening. NSU's men's novice eight was the first boat to compete for the Demons. The Demons raced against the Texas crew, who paddled away from the Demons after a tough sprint.

The Demons women's novice four was up next, but had the same fate as the men's novice eight, finishing third behind Texas and Tulane.

In the men's varsity eight-second heat, the Demons were in a close race with Texas, but the two boats clashed oars and NSU fell behind and could not regain the lead losing to the Longhorns.

"We were ahead at the beginning and we were really close throughout the race," senior rower Scott Ward said. "We were so close our oars touched and it cost us two seconds."

Up next for the Demons was the women's varsity four. The Demons raced hard, but were passed within feet of the finishing line in an exciting race. With the pass, Washington University took third place, dropping NSU to fourth place.

"We were pretty good at first, but halfway towards the end we started to lose focus," NSU women's rower Stacey Carminati said. "We just ran out of juice at the end."

NSU did not win until the last race, when the varsity men's eight beat WSU in a close race that saw the Demons sprint ahead of WSU at the end of the race.

Up next for Crew is a race at Austin against Texas and other highly competitive schools. NSU will look to beat the Longhorns on their own river and extract some revenge from this past weekend.

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Crazy Week

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This week has been a crazy week for the Demon basketball teams. There were ups and downs, and plenty of mixed emotions.

Both the men and the women made it to the Southland Conference Tournament, but the endings are much different.

The men were put out in the first round, but the ladies are still fighting for the prize.

I first would like to congratulate the Lady Demons on becoming the Southland Conference's regular season champions. It has been quite an exciting season, but it is not over just yet.

The ladies face the University of Texas-San Antonio tonight at Prather Coliseum as part of the Southland Conference Tournament. And don't forget Demon fans, the game is free for students.

The Lady Demons' season record of 22-6 shows that they don't need much help, but support is something that cannot be substituted. Prather should be packed tonight. They need our support as they take on the Roadrunners.

If the ladies win tonight, they will go on to play in the Southland Conference Tournament Championship Game, a step closer to the NCAA Tournament.

FOX will probably be back at NSU to cover yet another Lady Demon game.

Again, congratulations on a well-played season. You deserved every win and deserve the to be tournament champions. Every smile Coach Smith and his ladies have shown to the cameras is well earned.

The Demons did not fair as well as their female counterpart. The men finished off with a conference record of 8-8; my prediction!

I mean no offense to the men, but the their youth began to show as the season moved on. The team began to show fatigue and drop in shot percentages.

Although I am saying youth was the problem with the sudden drop in the season, I also agree with Head Coach Mike McConathy.

After Monday night's loss to Southeastern Louisiana University, McConathy told Sports Editor Patrick West that the loss would be the last time he mentions youth in relation to a loss.

Guys, please do not think I am trying to down you in any way. I am only saying that this year was not your year.

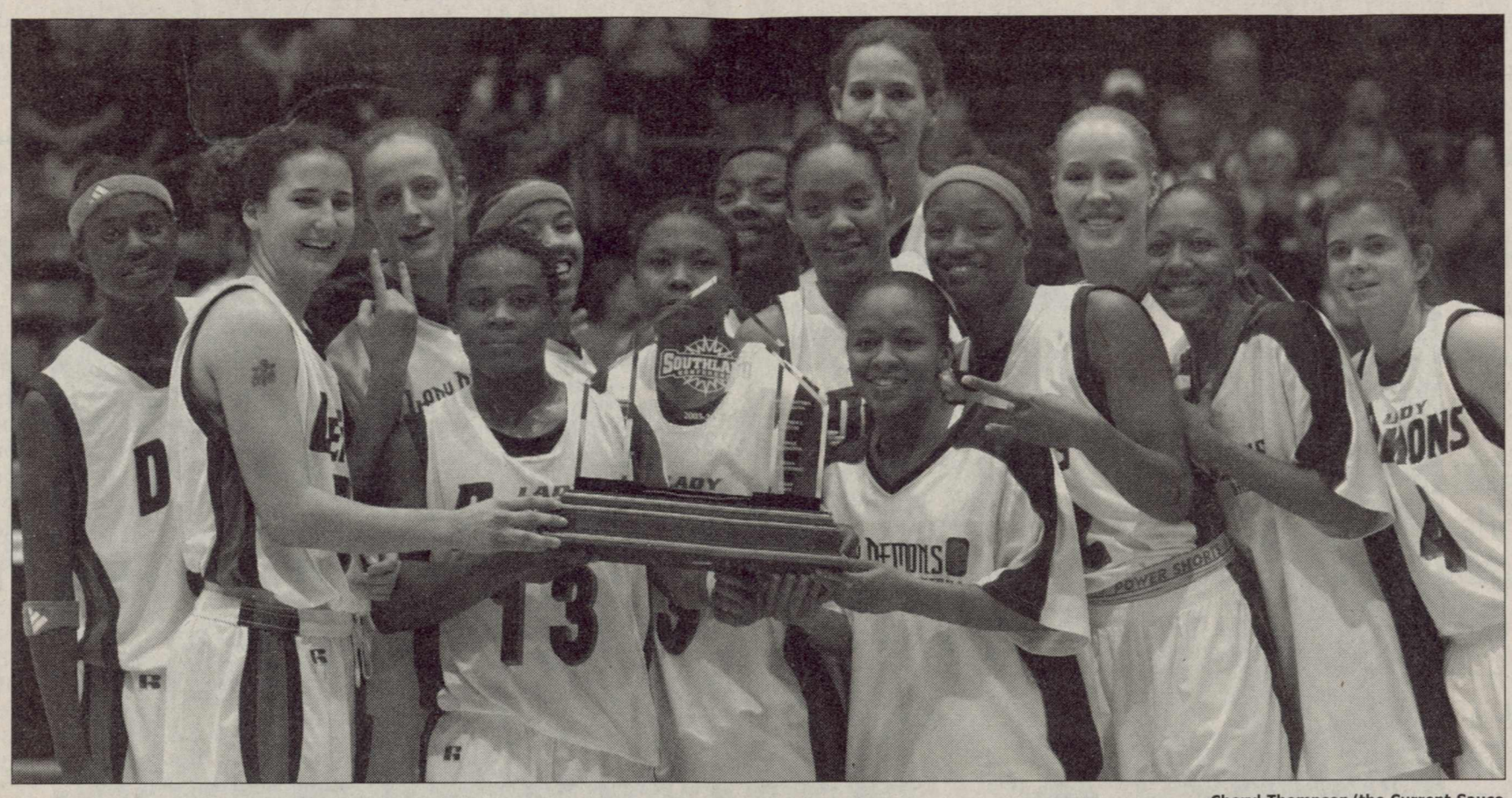
With another year underneath your belts and the experiences you have gained, you will do much better next year.

Last year the Demons went 6-10 in conference, while they went 8-8 this year. It's a trend, guys. You can only get better next year.

My only regret is that I will not be at NSU to see next season.

Being a senior has its bittersweet moments, but I will most definitely keep up with the team to see how they do.

Head out to the game and catch March Madness.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

The Lady Demon basketball team was presented the Southland Conference regular season trophy after winning in the first round of the conference tournament.

NSU wins in first round

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The Northwestern State Lady Demons have one common goal, to win the Southland Conference Tournament and to become the first NSU women's basketball team to make the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Demons are two games closer to their goal after dispatching the Sam Houston State Lady Bearkats at Prather Coliseum Tuesday night 69-61 in the opening round of the conference tournament.

The Lady Demons have never won the tournament and have finished in the runner-up spot eight times.

"In this conference, everybody wants to win, and we were expecting them to come out and give us their best," junior center Ashley Sparkman said. "We know we are capable, and the level to play to win."

The Lady Demons started off the game on an 8-0 run and held the lead throughout the game despite several comeback attempts by the Lady Bearkats.

SHSU battled back and cut the lead to three points twice in the second half, but NSU did not allow the Lady Bearkats to make a field goal in the final 3:25 and hit four straight free-throws to ice the game.

With the win, NSU avenges its only loss (84-65) at Prather this season to the same Lady Bearkats who hit a record 15 three-pointers in that game.

NSU defended the Lady Bearkat's three-point shooters better, and Sam Houston State only hit 25 percent from behind the three-point line.

The Lady Demons also played tough defense inside the three-point line, outrebounding the Lady Bearkats by 14 and holding them to just 30 percent shooting from the floor.

"We had Ashley playing behind their tallest player and took that position away, and then we were able to get out and defend their three-point shooting," Lady Demon Head Coach James Smith said.

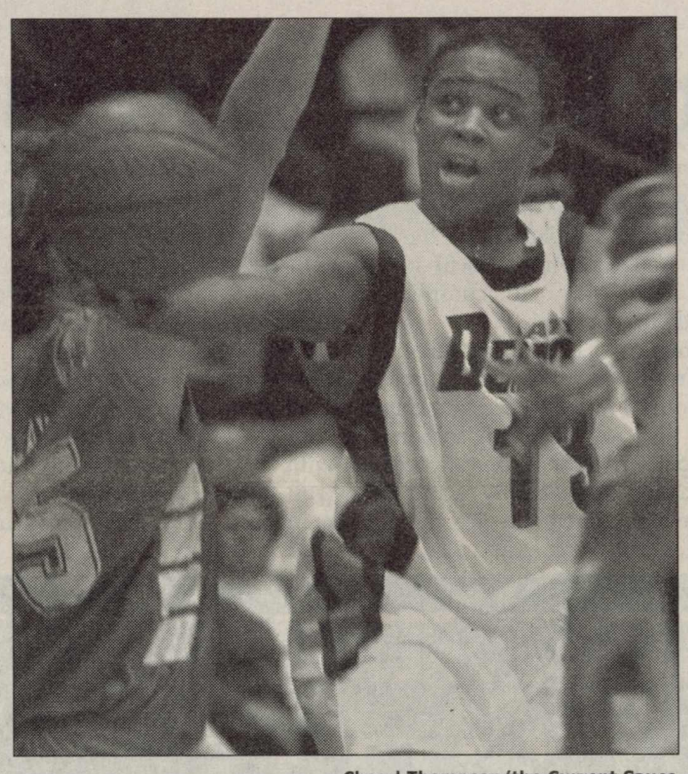
In the last game between the two, SHSU shot 50 percent from the floor and 58 percent from behind the three-point line, while NSU shot 36 percent from the floor and 29 percent behind the three-point line.

"We practiced hard testing three-pointers in practice because we knew they like to shoot threes," senior guard La'Terrica Dobin said. "We knew the last game, it was just their night, and nothing against us. It was embarrassing losing that game."

NSU also broke individual and team records with the win. NSU set a new conference tournament record with 13 blocked shots, while Sparkman helped the defensive effort by blocking nine shots and grabbing a career-high 17 rebounds.

The nine blocked shots broke her old school record of eight and set a conference tournament record. Southland Conference Freshman

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La'Terrica Dobin drives the line for a potential lay up. Dobin scored a game high 22 points with seven assists and seven rebounds Tues.

Men lose in conference tourney

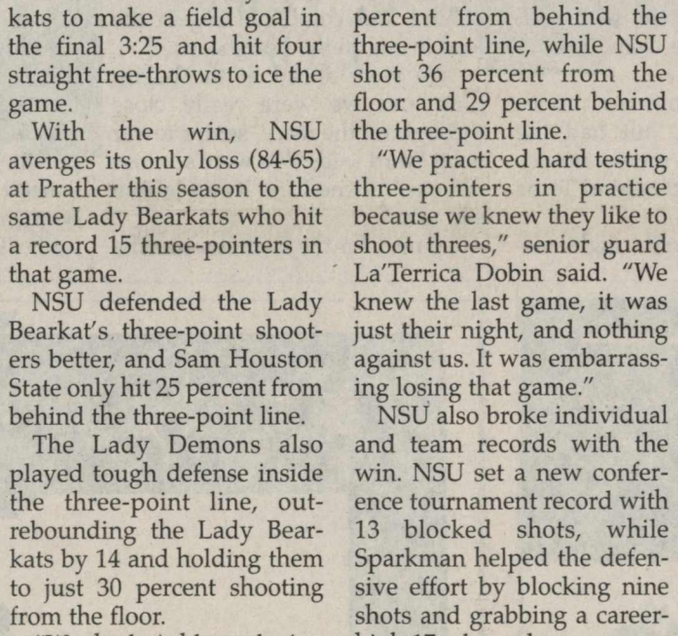
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NSU's men's basketball team could not close out the their first game in the conference tournament, losing on the road to Southeastern.

The Demons could not hold a lead with 1:34 remaining in the second half, letting the Lions score nine points and win the game 72-64.

NSU traveled to Hammond Monday night after earning the seventh seed in the Southland Conference Tournament. Southeastern was the No. 2 seed and one of the tri-regular season conference champions.

The Demons found themselves down by 13 in the second half but rallied back to within three points when sophomore forward Byron Allen hit a layup late in the second half.



Patrick West/the Current Sauce

Byron Allen fights for position in the post against Nate Lofton.

Then sophomore guard Jermaine Wallace stole the ball from Amir Abdur-Rahim. Wallace made a three-point basket and giving NSU their first lead since the first half.

Both teams then traded baskets until SLU guard Michael Gardner hit a clutch three-pointer to give the Lions a two-point lead.

A costly turnover by Tyronn Mitchell led to a three-point play by Jonathan Walker that sealed the victory for the Lions.

"We go ahead 2 points, but youth came in to play and we tried to get the ball to Allen inside, but we turned the ball over," McConathy said. "That led to the three-point play for them and that was the game."

The Demons helped the Lions by turning the ball over 17 times compared to SLU's six. Both teams' shot evenly from the floor as the Demons hit 40 percent from the floor and 20 percent from behind the three-point line.

The Lions shot 40 and 20 percent from the floor and behind the three-point line also.

"We made only four of our last 11 free throws, and we made 17 turnovers to just six for them," McConathy said. "We got outscored 22-0 on points off turnovers and you're not going to win getting outscored 10 points off turnovers."

Leading scorer for the Demons was Allen with 24 points and nine rebounds. The 24 points was a career high for Allen. Other leading scorers were Wallace with 14 points and Kerwin Forges with 10 points.

Leading scorer for the Lions was Gardner with a game high 28 points. Nate Lofton recorded a double-double scoring 14 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Northwestern returns most of its roster next season as the Demons had the nation's youngest Division I basketball team.

Baseball drops two out of three at home

By Joshua Barrios
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NSU 7 - TAM-CC 3

After weeks of rainouts and missed practices, the NSU Demon baseball team hammered the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders.

In the first game of Saturday's double header against the Islanders, the Demons dominated all aspects of the game. Great hitting and awareness from Bobby Barbier and Tigger Lyles in the fifth inning gave the Demons a solid lead.

Barbier doubled early in the inning and later scored off an overthrown ball to first base. Lyles, who was on first at the time, made it to third base on the overthrow.

Rusty Jones also contributed to the game's excitement when he hit a foul ball in the third inning that broke a window of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and Art boys' dormitory behind home plate.

In the top of the fifth, pitcher Clayton Turner saved himself from a possible downfall after he loaded the bases with only one out.

Turner fought the following batters with amazing pitches to end the inning and keep the win.

"Hopefully this will give us some type of rhythm for the season," Head Coach Mitch Gaspard said.

The win came in the first game at Brown-Stroud Field in nearly a month. Gaspard said it has been hard to keep the bats warm since.

"We've had to adjust the practices because of the weather," Gaspard said. "It's really affecting the batters because the they haven't been able to have a live batting practice."

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Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (10-13)

March 8, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **#19 Texas** (14-9)

NSU 2 - **UT 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	6	0
UT	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	3	9	0

March 7, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Texas State** (19-5)

NSU 2 - **TXSU 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	2	4	2
TXSU	0	0	1	0	0	2	X	-	3	6	2

Northwestern State vs. **Texas State**

NSU 0 - **TXSU 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	2
TXSU	0	0	1	0	0	2	X	-	3	6	2

Key Player:
Kiana Scott
Solo home run & two RBIs vs. Texas
senior outfielder

NSU Baseball (5-7) Southland Conference

Key Player:
Josh Boop
3 for five & 2 RBIs vs. Grambling
Senior outfielder

March 7, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** (11-9)

NSU 6 - **TAMCC 10**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	-	6	12	2
TAMCC	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	1	X	-	10	16	0

March 6, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **TAMCC**

NSU 3 - **TAMCC 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	3	9	5
TAMCC	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	X	-	6	9	4

Northwestern State vs. TAMCC

NSU 7 - TAMCC 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	2	1	0	1	2	1	X	-	7	10	2
TAMCC	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	-	3	5	2

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

TENNIS

NSU beats SFA 5-2, home this weekend

Three-set singles wins from Alexandria Nieto and Camila Prado sealed a 5-2 Northwestern State victory over Stephen F. Austin Sunday in Southland Conference women's tennis.

Nieto beat Kama Scott 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) in a thriller at No. 5 singles. Prado rallied for a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Emily Voss in the No. 6 singles.

Northwestern (5-3 overall, 1-1 in the SLC) took five of six singles matches after SFA opened the match by capturing the doubles point, taking Nos. 1 and 3 doubles, second time this season.

The Lady Demons compete home next weekend, hosting Lamar Saturday morning and McNeese on Sunday morning at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

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What's Current?

Senators selected by acclamation

The following students qualified for senator-at-large and were elected by acclamation since not more than 20 senators qualified to run for these SGA seats:

Matthew A. Bartley, Kimberly M. Bayma, Jeff R. Bergeron, Michael K. Boyett, Abby Brocato, Matthew Burroughs, Nikki N. Ceasar, Andrew P. David, John P. Durham, Patrick Feller, Andrew J. Halford, Brandon Janshidi, Connor Johnson, Katy R. Lindsey, Kelli Menard, Mindy McConnell, Aaron M. Pitre, Chanel Savoie, Jena Simon and Michael Alan Sypert.

SGA Elections Commission

Student senate business

The student senate discussed a bill, sponsored by senators Keith Gates and Dustin Floyd, proposing to allow part-time students to be members of the SGA. The senate unanimously voted to refer the bill to SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux for further research.

A resolution, sponsored by senators Jack Halford and Jeff Bergeron, proposed a $2 Student-Self Assessed Fee increase in order to create a SGA Campus Improvement Fund. The resolution stated that this new fund would be used for "minor improvements to the campus experience" and not for infrastructural improvements. The resolution failed by a vote of 15-1.

The senate voted unanimously to grant the NSU Inline Hockey Club $300 from the Club Sports budget to fund their second annual free lunch giveaway for NSU students.

Senators Alan Sypert and Gates sponsored the "Treasurer Reorganization Act of 2004" which proposed combining the offices of SGA Treasurer and SGA Administrative Assistant into one SGA Secretary position. The senate unanimously approved the act, and it was placed on the Spring 2004 ballot to be voted on by the students Wednesday and Thursday.

The senate also passed a resolution by general consent congratulating the Lady Demons Basketball team for their successful season.

Elaine Broussard

28 killed in Baghdad hotel blast

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — A thunderous car bomb destroyed a five-story Baghdad hotel and some nearby homes Wednesday, killing at least 28 people — most of them Iraqis or visiting Arabs — and confirming a new focus by terrorists on the most vulnerable civilian targets.

The blast, which could be felt and heard several miles away, left a 10-foot-deep crater and a pile of flaming rubble on the site of what was the Mount Lebanon hotel in the city's ethnically mixed Karrada district.

A U.S. military spokesman said the explosion was caused by a 1,000-pound car bomb, and witnesses said at least two homes were completely destroyed.

Video footage shot immediately after the explosion showed bodies being pulled from the wreckage. The military said 41 people had been wounded.

The bombing came after a series of execution-style killings of civilians in recent days, including four Christian aid workers in Mosul and two women who did laundry for U.S. troops in Basra.

Courtesy KRT Campus

Kerry, Cheney squabble over national-security issues

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday offered a blistering critique of President Bush's performance as commander in chief and said that the nation is "bogged down" in Iraq with no end in sight."

In a speech looking ahead to the first anniversary of the Iraq war, Kerry accused Bush of alienating allies, shortchanging soldiers and misleading Americans about the need for military action.

Vice President Dick Cheney responded with an equally tough speech questioning Kerry's fitness for the role of commander in chief.

"In his years in Washington, Senator Kerry has been one vote of 100 in the Senate," Cheney said. "The presidency is an entirely different proposition. The president always casts the deciding vote. And the senator from Massachusetts has given us ample doubts about his judgment and the attitude he brings to bear on vital issues of national security."

In a coincidence that underscored the volatility of the issue, cable news networks used a split screen during Cheney's speech to provide simultaneous coverage of the wreckage from a deadly terrorist bombing in Baghdad that leveled a five-story hotel.

Courtesy KRT Campus

Student elections next week

20 at-large SGA Senators win seats without election

By Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

After a slew of preliminary discrepancies, the final ballot for the Spring 2004 election was released Wednesday. It includes two SGA presidential tickets, but not 20 SGA senators-at-large who were awarded positions by acclamation.

Filings for the elections ended at 4:30 p.m. on March 11. As filings came to a close, it was still a mystery whether the long-established SGA Presidential/Vice Presidential ticket of Senator Mindy McConnell and Senate Speaker Zachary Pulliam would be opposed.

On the afternoon of March 11, SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux said he had unofficial plans of running against McConnell for SGA President with Senator Alan Sypert. However, Boudreaux said that at about 2 p.m., Sypert called and said he had decided to back out of the race.

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About five minutes before the end of filings, Senator Dustin Floyd filed papers to run for office. When asked by fellow SGA members what office he had filed for, Floyd said that he had filed for SGA Treasurer. Later, Floyd announced that he had in fact filed for SGA President, and that Sypert would be his running mate.

Sypert did not comment on why he chose to run with Floyd instead of Boudreaux. Sypert stressed that his plans to run with Boudreaux were never official and always subject to change.

Also, before filings closed on March 11, 21 NSU students filed for SGA senator-at-large positions. Because there were 20 positions available, it was speculated that an election would be needed to eliminate the extra candidate. However, the Election Board disqualified a candidate whose grade point average was too low.

The remaining candidates won their positions by acclamation, and there will be no election for senator-at-large positions.

The SGA Supreme Court's Monday decision to allow high school accounting courses to fulfill the class requirements a student must meet in order to run for SGA Treasurer finalized two candidates for that position: Current SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux, who is seeking a second term, and Senator Kelli Miller.

Two referendums will be voted upon by the student body. Students will also vote from a field of 13 candidates for 10 open SAB representative-at-large postions.

SGA Spring Ballot

Vote Wednesday and Thursday in the Union

Presidential Tickets

Mindy McConnell
President
Zachary Pulliam
Vice President


MCCONNELL


PULLIAM

Dustin Floyd
President
Michael A. Sypert
Vice President


FLOYD


SYPERT

Treasurer


Edward L. "Beau" Boudreaux III
Incumbent


Kelli D. Miller
Challenger

Referendums

1. Are you in favor of a $1 increase to the student drama fee as a Student Association Fee?
2. Are you in favor of eliminating the office of SGA Treasurer and adding the new office of SGA Secretary (as per Senate Bill SP04-015)?

Source: SGA Elections Commission

Court lowers bar for treasurer seat

By Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

The SGA Supreme Court ruled on Monday that high school accounting courses can qualify candidates for SGA Treasurer.

Previously, a student must have completed two accounting classes with a C or better in order to be eligible for the Treasurer position, as stated in the SGA by-laws.

On March 1, the SGA voted 13-1 to approve a bill proposing to delete this requirement. Whether the changed requirements would be applied to the Spring 2004 election became subject to debate.

Current SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux protested the requirements being applied to the upcoming election. In an appeal to the SGA Supreme Court and University President Randall Webb, Boudreaux stated that the passing of the bill occurred too late to be applied to the Spring 2004 elections since the filing process began on Feb. 26. Boudreaux stated that it is unjust to change the rules for candidacy once the election period is already in progress.

Boudreaux is the only non-graduating SGA member who has completed two college accounting classes with a C grade or better.

In his appeal, Boudreaux also pointed out that the senate previously rejected a similar bill proposing to delete the accounting class requirements in their Jan. 26 meeting, and if that bill had passed, there would have been no controversy since election filings would not have yet begun.

The SGA President, the University Vice President of Student Affairs and the University President must sign all legislation passed by the SGA.

When election filings ended on March 11, University President Randall Webb had not signed the bill, thus leaving Boudreaux as the only eligible candidate for Treasurer. However, senators Jerry Whorton and Kelli Miller filed to run for Treasurer anyway.

The Election Board met the night of March 11 and ruled that high school accounting classes, such as classes that Miller took in high school, may be used to fulfill the course requirements.

This decision was reviewed by the SGA Supreme Court, and the court ruled 3-1 that the Election Board's decision was constitutional. Chief Justice Sharmyn Little abstained from the vote since she is the Election Board Commissioner.

Little determined on Wednesday that Whorton had not taken high school or college accounting classes, and he was disqualified from the race.

Columns break-ins under investigation

By Aaron Pizani
Sauce Reporter

Several apartments at the University Columns were burglarized during the Mardi Gras break. The University police are still investigating the break-ins.

Nine different apartments were broken into and various items were stolen while students were gone for the break.

According to Detective Doug Prescott of the University police, laptop and desktop computers, clothes, jewelry, shoes and a lamp were stolen.

He said that entry was gained into most of the apartments by breaking windows. This happened on the first and second floors.

He was unable to comment on any leads while the investigation is underway.

As far as the break-ins over the Thanksgiving break, Prescott said that they are following several leads and that they do not know if the two sets of break-ins are related.

The University Police are trying to get students to come forward with any information about any of the burglaries.

"We have asked the radio station to put on some public service announcements requesting that anybody that has any information that might have been staying here during the breaks, if they saw anything to please contact the University police as soon as possible."

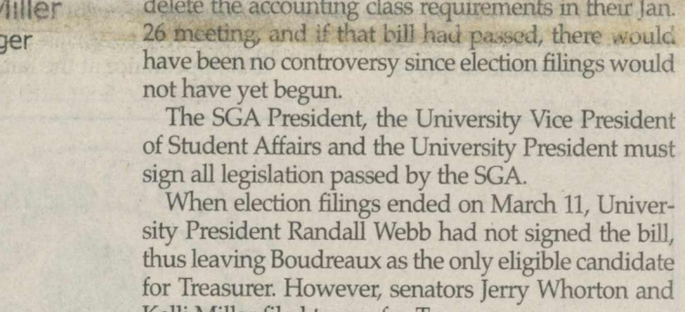
"You can't break into this many apartments without somebody seeing something," Prescott added.

The detective wanted to encourage students to take certain measures to make sure they keep their apartment and possessions secure.

"Students should take stuff like any kind of computers and expensive items home with them when they leave," Prescott said. "Keep all blinds and shutters closed so that people cannot see inside the apartments."

He also said that students should write down the make, model and serial numbers of any electronics so that they can be positively identified if found.

The University Columns management was unable to comment on the break-ins due to company policy.


Jason Griffin/*the Current Sauce*
A window remains broken at the apartment of a University Columns break-in victim.

However, they are working closely with University police on the matter.

Prescott urges that any information that may seem insignificant to the student might be very important and helpful.

If students have any information regarding the break-ins they can contact the University police at 357-5431.

NSU News22 Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Isolated t-storms	Isolated t-storms	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
79°/57°	82°/57°	83°/55°	71°/46°	70°/47°	74°/52°

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Student vehicle burglaries up

By Shameka Peters
Sauce Reporter

Car burglaries are becoming a regular occurrence in Natchitoches and appear to be increasing especially in heavily populated student areas.

Natchitoches police said the hardest hit areas in Natchitoches are North Street and Indian Summers Apartments.

"They (thieves) aren't necessarily after students, but a lot students live in those apartments," said Jennifer Winters, a data entry. Winters also said early morning and late night hours seem to be the times when cars are most often targeted.

While there is no specific model or make of car burglarized more often, cars with high priced equipment are sought out.

"A lot of your cars with aftermarket things like stereos, CD players are being broken into," Natchitoches police Lt. Harman Winters said.

The department has seen an increase in the number of car burglaries within the past three months.

"We've had a 15 to 30 percent increase," Winters said.

Winters pointed to a stack of police report and stated that the majority of them were related to car break-ins.

"Seven out of the 12 are vehicle burglaries," said Winters.

Winters said the best way to help protect your car is to avoid advertising your car to thieves.

"Driving around blasting your system draws attention," Winters said. "That tells the person what you have."

Also, women shouldn't leave their purses unattended even for a short period of time.

"You'd be surprised how many ladies do that," Winters said. "That's an invitation to them."

Fate of fee, treasurer up to students

By Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

On Wednesday and Thursday, NSU students will vote whether to approve two referendums placed before the student body by the Student Government Association.

The first referendum, passed by the SGA on Dec. 1, proposes increasing student-self assessed fees by $1 to be given to the NSU theatre department each semester. Currently, the theatre department receives $1 from every full-time student each semester, and the referendum proposes raising the fee to $2.

At the Dec. 1 SGA meeting, Roger Held, the head of the theatre department, appealed to the senate to support the fee increase and provided reasons why it was important.

According to Held, the $1 student-self assessed fee was implemented 20 years ago, and it has never been increased despite the increasing costs of theatrical productions.

Held said that the fee increase would help theatre students stage higher quality productions, and they would have use of higher quality and safer equipment.

The second referendum, passed by the SGA on Monday, proposes eliminating the offices of SGA Treasurer and SGA Administrative Assistant, and combining their duties into the office of SGA Secretary.

The "Treasurer Reorganization Act of 2004," brought before the senate Monday stated that the duties of the SGA Treasurer have recently diminished due to computer upgrades while the duties of the SGA Administrative Assistant have increased.

Currently, the SGA Treasurer receives a half-time scholarship, and the SGA Administrative Assistant receives a student worker paycheck. If these positions are combined, the SGA Secretary will receive a tuition voucher.

Although the students will vote on this referendum in the Spring 2004 election, the new position, if created, will not be implemented until the Spring 2005 election season.

Job fair draws businesses to campus

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy Editor

NSU's Spring Job Fair attracted more than 50 businesses, government agencies and universities to recruit on campus Tuesday.

Seventeen law enforcement agencies dominated the Student Union Ballroom presentations, including 11 municipal police departments, Louisiana State Police, the IRS and the U.S. Marshals. In the Union lobby just outside the Ballroom, about 10 youth camps from New Jersey to Oklahoma recruited in front of tables and displays.

Other businesses at the fair included several retailers, industrial businesses, and representatives from the Army, Air Force and Marines.

Walgreens representatives Terry LeBlanc and Danny Fontenot said their corporation was planning to open about 450 new stores a year, including plans for two stores in Alexandria and one in Pineville.

Since the new stores will be hiring all positions, from stocking and management to pharmacists, LeBlanc said they were considering students of all majors during the fair.

Mary Kay cosmetics also made its first appearance at the fair. Independent sales director Phyllis Stroud said she spoke to about 20 students and would follow up with six of them.

She said most recruitment takes place in one-on-one sales. Working with Mary Kay, she said, takes discipline and self-motivation since students are essentially their own bosses, with corporate support but no quotas.

The next job fair will be in the fall. Fair administrator Traci La Bom said Counseling and Career Services, which put on the fair, had merged the old summer job fair with the spring fair.

SAB representative-at-large candidates

Jeni Anderson
Kayla Brossett
Carrie B. Burns
Britney Burton
June Chauvin
Brooke Courtney
LaToya M. Jones
Jessica Lee
Julie Lewandowski
Matt Ranson
Carolyn Sarkozi
Eva Sterling
Kiara Thomas

POLICE BLOTTER

3-11-04

12:47 a.m.

A vehicle parked between St. Denis Hall and Caddo Hall had the driver's side window broken out, but no audio equipment had been removed.

2:59 p.m.

A call was received from the office at the Columns requesting an officer to assist a woman in filing a report for a residence burglary.

4:07 p.m.

A male suspect who was soliciting students for money in the library parking lot was advised not to beg for money on campus.

8:38 p.m.

Occupants of a small car were reported to have been driving down the sidewalk by Boozman Hall stealing window screens. Occupants of a blue truck were also reported to have stolen wooden objects from behind married student housing. Officers dispatched found no activity in either area.

3-12-04

12:28 a.m.

A CA from the Columns called three times to report three suspicious men walking the parking lot and looking in cars. The suspects were advised to return to their apartments.

2:04 a.m.

A residence burglary was called in from apartment 915 of the Columns.

3:09 a.m.

A possible theft from the inside of a red Ford Probe at the Columns was called in.

3:48 a.m.

The Natchitoches Police Department called in an accident by the main gate on campus in front of The Ink Spot. A city unit was all ready en route to the scene.

4:20 a.m.

Brown's Security called to report a silent alarm going off at the middle school lab. An officer was dispatched to check the area, and all doors were found to be secured.

9:10 a.m.

A suspicious man was seen riding a small bicycle through several parking lots on campus. He left campus at 8:46 a.m. but returned at 9:10 a.m. and was last seen on the west side of campus.

9:23 a.m.

A call was received about a car that had been broken into at the Columns.

9:24 a.m.

A theft from the interior of a car at the Columns was called in.

9:54 a.m.

Two suspicious men were spotted riding bikes near Caspari and the Student Union. They had been riding around campus for two hours. They were not students and were asked to leave.

3-14-04

1:58 a.m.

A resident of Sabine called in to report suspicious persons in the Iberville parking lot. An officer was dispatched, but the subjects were just playing a game. The officer found no suspicious activity, but patrolled the area for a while.

3-15-04

A man reported that his vehicle had been broken into. The driver's side window had been completely busted out, there was damage to the dash panel, steering column, and stereo, and two speakers and one amp were missing. Statements were taken.

9:48 a.m.

A report was made for a woman who had been scratched by a cat.

5:05 p.m.

There was a wreck by the faculty parking lot of the Fine Arts Building. There were no injuries.

5:27 p.m.

A man called to report that he was stuck in an elevator in Keyser Hall. A repairman was en route from Alexandria. Two attempts to make contact with the man were unsuccessful.

9:17 p.m.

A call was made to report two suspicious men in the library parking lot.

3-16-04

9:19 a.m.

There was a wreck by the bookstore loading dock. The vehicles suffered no damage, and neither driver wished to file a report.

9:40 a.m.

Another wreck in lot eight was called in.

12:55 p.m.

A woman called to report that the front end of her car had been bumped by another vehicle.

3:08 p.m.

A wreck at the Elementary Lab was called in.

3:26 p.m.

Campus nurses and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital were en route to the softball field for a woman who was suffering from an injured leg.

4:55 p.m.

There was a wreck on Tarlton Drive in front of the P.E. Majors building. The Natchitoches Parish Hospital was en route.

Elizabeth Bolt

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Students set platforms for election

By Elaine Broussard and Kyle Shirley
Managing Editor and Sauce Reporter

The spring election season is in full swing, and the candidates for SGA President, Vice President, and Treasurer are spending their time campaigning and preparing for the elections on March 24-25.

The *Sauce* caught up with each of these candidates to find out their campaign positions and what they plan to do if elected to the offices they seek.

> "Even my critics will tell you that I fight for what I believe in, and I think that not all students' voices are heard on campus."
>
> **Dustin Floyd**
> SGA Presidential Candidate

> "I have a lot of good ideas in mind, and it's something I'm looking forward to..."
>
> **Mindy McConnell**
> SGA Presidential Candidate

Mindy McConnell – SGA Presidential Candidate

McConnell is a junior political science major. McConnell said that during her time at NSU, she has served as the president of the Panhellinic Council, Vice President of her sorority, although she declined to say which sorority she takes part in, the SGA Commissioner of External Affairs, the SGA Commissioner of Academic Affairs, the Chairman of Organizational Grants, and she has been a member of over 15 University committees.

"I've been in SGA for three years now, and I feel like it's my time to move up," McConnell said. "I have a lot of good ideas in mind, and it's something I'm looking forward to, and I know I'd do a good job."

McConnell said that as SGA President she plans to work with legislators to combat the recent trend of tuition increases and higher education budget cuts. She also said that she would like to serve as an effective liaison between NSU students and administration.

McConnell said that she hopes to work towards establishing high speed Internet access and security cameras in NSU dorms.

Zachary Pulliam – SGA Vice Presidential Candidate

McConnell's running mate, Pulliam, is a senior liberal arts major. Pulliam is currently serving in his fifth term in the SGA, and this is his second semester serving as SGA Speaker of the Senate.

Pulliam has worked on numerous SGA departments and committees, and he is currently the Commissioner of Internal Affairs. Pulliam is an executive member of Pi Kappa Fraternity, he was on the crew team for two semesters, and he served on a dorm council.

Pulliam said that last year he thought about running for SGA president, but instead he chose to run for Vice President this year because of several reasons.

"I'm going to have to write a thesis next semester, and I want to be able to have enough time for my academics, my job, and the positions that I have," Pulliam said.

Pulliam said that his main goal as Vice President is to get as many different kinds of people involved with the SGA as possible.

"As a vice president you really need to be able to work with a lot of different types of people, to have a perspective that's very broad, that's inclusive of a lot of individuals," Pulliam said. "I just want to get a lot of people involved, and keep this thing going."

Dustin Floyd – SGA Presidential Candidate

Floyd is a senior general studies major. Floyd said that he has served on the SGA for five years, and he formerly served as Speaker of the Senate. Floyd said that as a former business major he used to be involved in business organizations, and he served as the state president of Phi Beta Lambda. He has served as chair of the College Republicans for three years, and he is involved in the Natchitoches Jaycees.

"SGA has always had a special place in my heart, and it's something I've liked to do ever since I was a freshman," Floyd said.

Floyd said that his future plans include work on revamping the internal department and committee structure of the SGA.

"We have a department and committee structure that is not exactly working how we envisioned it to, so that's one of the things I want to look at," Floyd said.

Floyd said he is running for SGA President because it would allow him to accomplish some of the things he has wanted to accomplish since he joined the SGA in 1999.

"I've got my critics, and I've got my supporters. Even my critics will tell you that I fight for what I believe in, and I think that not all students' voices are heard on campus. That was the biggest issue motivating me to run," Floyd said.

Floyd said that the SGA needs to work with legislators to address student fee increases.

"We have the second highest student fees in our system, and that is a problem," Floyd said. "We need to let them know that the students will not take any more student fees."

Floyd also said that he plans to work with the University and Aramark to put the Alley in the Student Union to a new use.

"Right now it's a dungeon that nobody wants to go into," Floyd said. "I want to make it something that will be beneficial to the students."

Alan Sypert – SGA Vice Presidential Candidate

Floyd's running mate, Sypert, is a senior music education major. Sypert said that he has been involved with the SGA for two and a half years. He is also involved with the Hockey Club and the Spirit of Northwestern band.

Sypert said that as Vice President he would be an effective leader who could motivate others to get things done.

"I've noticed that I've been Club Sports Committee Chairman for a while, and any time I need to get things done, I am usually able to motivate the right people to get things done," Sypert said. "I know that as Vice President I will be able to do that from a greater seat."

Sypert said that he will focus intently on security issues if elected Vice President.

"I want to encourage increased security over at the Columns and at the dorms because there have been a ridiculous amount of break-ins recently," Sypert said.

Sypert said that new security cameras and improved lighting on campus would help solve safety problems on campus.

Edward L. "Beau" Boudreaux III – SGA Treasurer Candidate

(Boudreaux formerly wrote for the Current Sauce and continues to sell advertisements for it. The Sauce in no way sponsors or endorses Boudreaux's candidacy.)

Boudreaux is a senior with majors in chemistry, history, and liberal arts with a concentration in scientific inquiry with minors in philosophy, business and biology. Boudreaux served for two terms as SGA senator, and he is currently on his second term as SGA Treasurer, Chairman of Fiscal Affairs, and Vice Chairman of the Student Technology Assessment Team Committee. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Catholic Student Organization.

"I'm running for reelection for Treasurer because I got a lot of stuff done, and I just want to continue building on that success," Boudreaux said.

During his time as Vice Chairman of the STAT Committee, Boudreaux said that 20 new laptops were purchased for student checkout at the library, new computer labs were built in Morrison Hall, Sabine Hall, Varnado Hall, and the Health and Human Performance building.

Boudreaux said that the students would be at a disadvantage if they elected a Treasurer who does not have experience with the STAT Committee, and he pointed out that his opponent, Kelli Miller, does not have this experience.

Kelli Miller – SGA Treasurer Candidate

Miller is a junior journalism major. She has served on the SGA for two years, and she has served on several SGA departments and committees. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Purple Jackets, and the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Miller said she chose to run for Treasurer because she says the office has deteriorated in the past two years, and she hopes to rebuild its the prestige.

"I feel that Treasurer is the next place for me to step up to," Miller said. "I really want to step up within the organization."

"Right now people claim that the Treasurer doesn't do much, and I can see that, but I see some organizational issues that can be fixed in the Fiscal Affairs department. I'd like to get more people involved in that department," Miller said.

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McConnell and Pulliam address students

By Patrick Feller

Stumping for support of her SGA presidential campaingn, Senator Mindy McConnell spoke to students outside the Student Union on Monday.

Senator McConnell, a three-term member of the SGA, has an impressive record of representing the students that includes serving as the SGA's Commissioner of Academic Affairs as well as being a part of all five SGA departments and numerous committees.

McConnell told students that one of her primary objectives as SGA president will be to keep NSU's rising tutition costs down.

"At a time when tutition and fees are being raised regularly," McConnell said, "it's very important that the SGA president continuously work with administrators and legislators to minimize tutition increases."

McConnell went on to speak about improving the way Student Technology Fees should be able to do more for the students.

"I'd like to see that money put towards programs that directly benefit students," she said, "such as helping to provide high-speed internet access to the dorms and providing students the upgraded tools that they need to be at the forefront of education."

When questioned about how she plans to let the students' voices be heard, McConnell promised to make the SGA more representative by appointing a diverse mix of students to the senate.

"NSU is a diverse campus and student government cannot fully serve its purpose without addressing concerns and issues from students of all backgrounds," McConnell said. "I strongly believe the the best-quality senate is a full senate and when we have vacant seat less gets accomplished.

I will ensure that we have a full senate with representation from the entirety of the student body."

Senator McConnell's vice presidential running mate is Zachary Pulliam, a three-term Senator and the current Speaker of the Senate. He spoke on the importance of the student's voice.

"It is important that the SGA both listen to and encourage students to voice their concerns," Pulliam said, "no matter how small they may be, so that we can immediately begin to work on correcting any problems on campus."

McConnell and Pulliam's message was well received by the students they spoke to.

"Mindy McConnell and Zachary Pulliam have my vote," Pierre Dupleix, a liberal arts major, said. "They seem genuinely concerned with betterment of both the campus and the students.

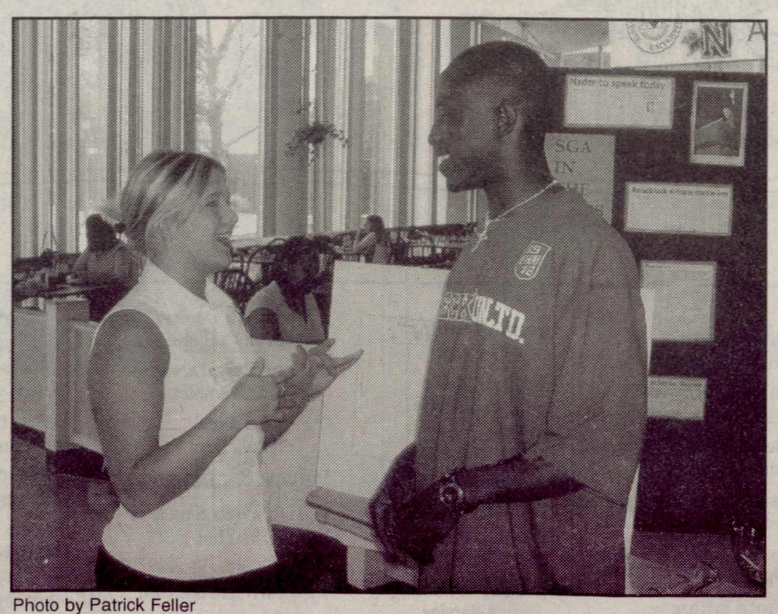
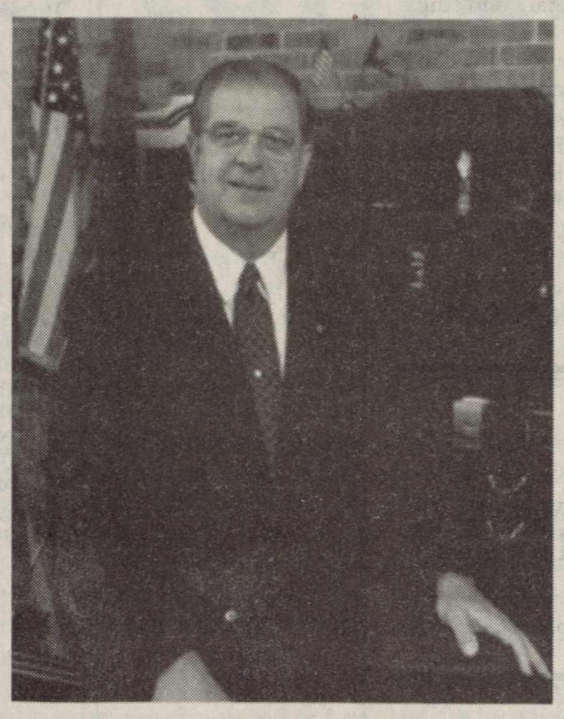


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SGA presidential candidate Mindy McConnell speaks with Prentis West at "Meet Your Senator Day"

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Thank you for your support!

Mayor Wayne McCullen
City of Natchitoches

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Commentary

Proofreading the World

Each week I read and review dozens of stories. I correct punctuation and factual errors to assuage my obsession with precision. This week, I would like to correct a few factual errors I have recently seen in the world outside the paper. Understand that I know people have a right to their own opinions no matter how wrong they may be. But some things are flatly wrong and need to be exposed. Without further ado, let the fact checking begin.

Foremost, to every homosexual Christian that says, "My God loves me," the church does not agree with you. Check your Bible, specifically Romans 1, Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. The Southern Baptists, the Catholics and more still officially describe homosexuality as sin.

In a recent televised sermon, the Rev. Jack Graham of Dallas expounded, "Love the sinner, hate the sin. It's not trite, it's true."

Next, to Republicans, it does not take eight years for monetary policy to affect the economy. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, EconEdLink.org and the National Center for Policy analysis, monetary policy affects the economy within two to three years of being legislated. What this means, ultimately, is that you cannot continue to blame the former president for the declining economy while simultaneously claiming the tax cuts of the current administration are aiding the economy. There is a fairly obvious flaw there.

Finally, to every one of you out there that does not vote because you think you have no political agenda, you are wrong. If you have morals, an idea of how things should be run, or have ever complained about the government, you have a political stance. Furthermore, it is important that you know where you stand. As Ralph Nader said when he spoke at NSU, "If you aren't turned on to politics, politics will turn on you." To give you a start, the three major political scales are liberal v. conservative, libertarian v. authoritarian, and Democrat v. Republican. Find out what they are, find out what you are, and start voting. Even the upcoming SGA election is more important than you think; just read the SGA stories sometime.

Find the truth, be precise, and feel free to hate-mail me at amckaskle@hotmail.com.

Anthony McKaskle
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Letters to the Editor

The Tibet Situation

According to the Students for a free Tibet website, 1.2 million Tibetans have died since China's illegal occupation in 1949. Thousands have been imprisoned and tortured and well over 120,000 have been driven into exile. These gross abuses of human rights are based on a misunderstanding of a 700 year-old treaty with the Mongul Empire. In the 13th century, China was under Mongol rule, but Tibet was not. The treaty guaranteed they were protected; they were only an ally of the empire. Political ties were broken in the mid 14th century, before China gained its independence from the Monguls. Yet China still claims according to the treaty, Tibet is a Chinese province. Why? I have two words for you: Space and resources.

China is big, very big. Its population is 1.2 billion and growing faster than they can handle, despite efforts at population control. Luckily for them, Tibet is right next door. Five of Asia's great rivers flow through Tibet and the country contains several other resources. The Tibetan enviorment has been severely damages by strip-mining, dumping of nuclear waste, and deforestation. Its population is also dwindling. The Chinese government enforces sterilization and abortion among the Tibetian people and encourages immigration of ethnic Chinese into Tibet. Tibetans have become a minority within their own country.

Several hundred political prisoners in Tibet are imprisoned for their beliefs. The Tibetan government is a theocracy. That , Imeans the leader of Tiber, the Dalai Lama (who also lives in exile), is both the political and religious leader of the country. China, on the other hand, is a communist nation. There is no religion and there are very few basic freedoms. Any prominent leader found still living in the country is incarcerated. Such as the Panchen Lama, a 14-year old boy intended to take over for his holiness, the Dalai Lama, when he dies. The Panchen Lama has been a prisoner since he was six. Imprisonment is not confined to Tibetans. Any outsiders found trying to help the Tibetan people, such as missionaries or medical personnel, are arrested and usually executed.

After all of this, I'm sure many of you are wondering why Tibet, there are certainly plenty of other countries in similar situations, or what anyone can do. We want to make a precedent. The Dalai Lama has encouraged nonviolence among his people for years. He wants to find a peaceful solution to Tibet's problem. That solution is simple. Lobby for trade sanctions against China. Write to your congressman, your senator, the Attorney General, and the United Nations. It is true that China is a major source of cheap labor and mass production, but they need us as well. Tibetans have a right to their freedom as much as anyone else. They can regain their freedom, they can regain their culture. All we have to do is take stand.

Amanda McCarter

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2,500 women trample guards and floorwalkers to purchase 1,500 alarm clocks announced for sale in a Chicago department store.

-March 18, 1944

Columns

FILLER

Censorship and Stupidity



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I hate Janet Jackson's boob. Thanks to one measly nipple broadcast into thousands of wholesome American homes and millions of homes belonging to the rest of us, the GOP has seen fit to attempt the enactment of some more stupidness. Rep. Fred Upton's Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, which steeply raises the fines for violating decency standards for both broadcasters and performers from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars, passed in the House recently by a whopping 391-22, heavily backed by the Bush administration. The wording is vague, the purpose unclear and the reactionism so thick you can smell it. Write your senator and ask him or her to vote no on bill S. 2056.

That out of the way, I must protrude my proboscis into local matters, namely the thus far relatively quiet SGA presidential race betwixt Mindy McConnell and Dustin Floyd. Mindy is a nice girl with a heart of gold who's been in several of my classes and somehow managed to stay on top of three semesters of Latin that left me panting in the corner, but what I want to talk about this week is what an idiot this Dustin Floyd guy is, and how I would urge you to vote for whatever the alternative to this self-serving hate-monger might be, even if it's a dead koala that's been packed into a fire extinguisher.

I don't imagine too many of you remember the race between Stacy Cosby and Floyd a couple of years back, but that got rather ugly, with ol' Dustin attacking the Scholars' College and throwing around words like "commie" in the Editorial section of this very student paper. He accused those of us who cared to point out his obvious inadequacies of being "flower-eating hippies."

So, in addition to fighting censorship, I also come to encourage fighting stupidity. Dustin Floyd wants the presidency for his sixth year as an undergraduate at NSU, a move I wouldn't take seriously from anyone I wasn't so sure was so clueless. Vote for Mindy McConnell. Or a lamp post. But not Dustin.

By the way, Mindy wouldn't comment on what a scumbag Dustin is; she's smart enough to avoid an open war of rude words in a public forum immediately before an election, unlike some Young Republicans I (Dustin) won't (Floyd) mention.

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A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

A Symphony Amid the Silence



By Shantel M. Wempren

Madrid — Terrorists are once again using weapons that do not seem like weapons. Thirteen backpacks were left in crowded commuter train stations. It does not seem so out of place when you consider the dozens of other backpacks that must have been lying around as well. The 13 mentioned were equipped with 25 pounds of explosives and each contained a cell phone. The cell phones were used to activate the bombs.

President Bush, I would like to report a weapon of mass destruction: the cell phone. It has been used to kill more than 200 and injure more than 1,500 in Spain.

One notes that this tragedy-as well as September 11-should have taught someone a lesson: weapons of mass destruction may not be chemical or biological warfare. It may not be a missile or an atomic bomb. In fact, by today's standards, the cheaper the better. How expensive is it to put a bomb in a backpack with a cell phone? Pretty damn cheap. And America spends billons on war measures…

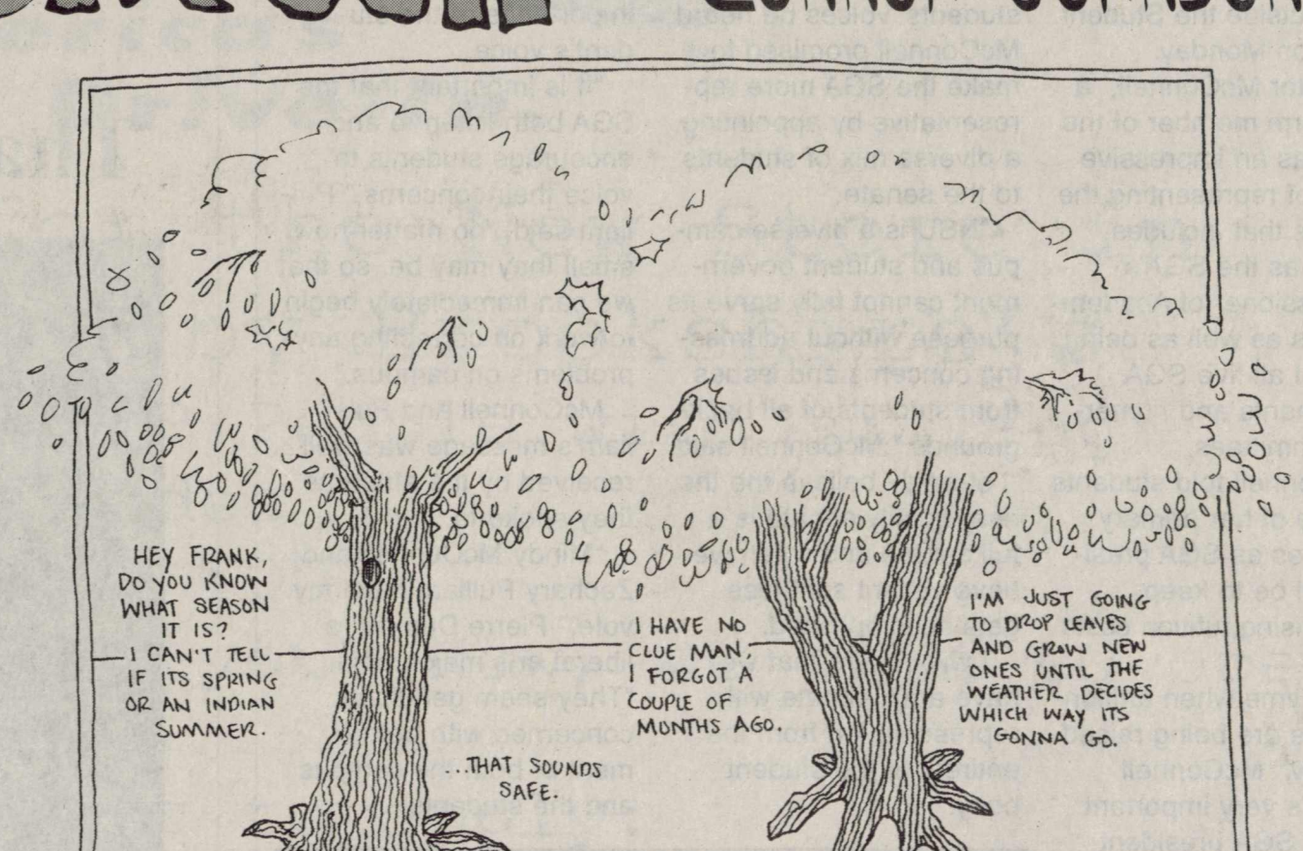
Terrorists are using smart methods of human destruction. According to Msn.com, Al Qaeda, which is blamed for this attack, boasts the motto, "By pen and gun, by word and bullet, by tongue and teeth," and one must wonder how far they are willing to go and what must be done to stop them.

One must wonder what this backpack terrorism will mean for American commuter transit. The new fear: A Madrid could happen here…My new fear: World War III may be on the horizon.

Amid the wreckage of last Thursday's attack there was a mechanical survivor. Family members were trying to reach the victims. The survivors, those who were able answered their phones. The phones of the deceased just kept ringing…

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POP Culture

Sarah McLachlan remixed

McLachlan remix no rebirth

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"Sarah McLachlan Remixed" remixes its way into boredom and repetitiveness. However, one song just might redeem it.

The album contains remixed versions of McLachlan's best songs including "Sweet Surrender," "Silence" and "Angel."

McLachlan's greatest asset is her voice and her lyrics, neither of which have very much of a presence in this album. A more suitable title for it would have been "Remixed...And Maybe Some Sarah McLachlan."

Instead of McLachlan's enchanting voice, the tracks are dominated by repetitive beats and sirens. When her voice does actually make an appearance, it is not so bad, but just around the corner is another three minute block of tedious beating.

If I have the overwhelming urge to change to another song half way through the current one, it fails to keep me entertained.

There is one little ray of hope inside the electronic confusion of this album.

Track three, "Angel-Rollo Mix," is what I like to call "the little song that could."

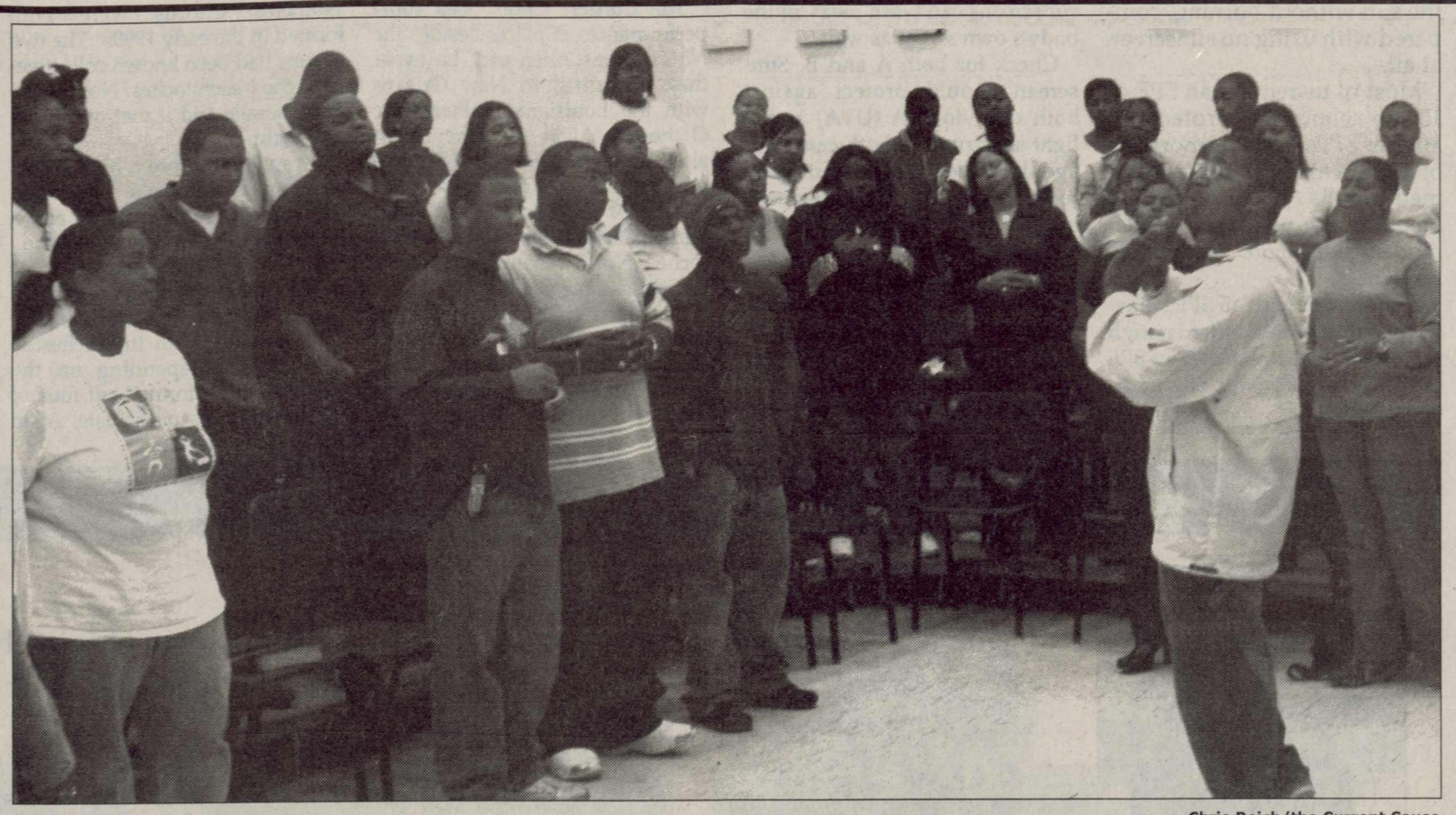
"Angel" does everything right. McLachlan's voice is used throughout the track, the remixing sounds fit the tone of the lyrics and it is a short and healthy five and a half minutes.

This remixed "Angel" changes the sound of the song without completely changing the song, which is how a remix should be.

The "Angel" remix keeps its ethereal tone that makes you want to zone out and think about life.

Its flawless remixing of an already wonderful song makes "Angel-Rollo Mix" a good addition to anyone's MP3 collection, but I would not purchase the entire album.

Although I did not particularly enjoy this album, I want to say one thing to all the Sarah McLachlan fans out there. There is no shame in supporting an artist, even when they do not quite hit the mark.



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

Certrell Russell, freshman music education major, directs Lifted Voices in the Tuesday rehearsal. The choir rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sounds of music

NSU Choirs lift their voices

By Jamie Webb
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When you think of choirs, you think of church and gospel music, right?

If so, most of the choirs at Northwestern are something other than you would imagine, said Burt Allen, director of choral activities.

There are five different choirs at NSU: the Chamber Choir, the University Concert Choir, the Men's Chorus and the Women's Chorus. Allen says that there is also a student-run choir called Lifted Voices.

Allen said the choirs do both "secular and sacred music," and are even trying to branch out from western literature into music from different countries and cultures.

Allen described the variety of music the choirs perform as "art music," incorporating periods such as the Renaissance, Baroque, classical, 20th century and various folk songs from different countries.

Participating in the choir is also a good way for students to meet other people who share an interest in music and singing.

Kristian Gorr, who is a member of the Chamber Choir, the University Concert Choir and the Women's Chorus, said, "Socializing with other people in the choir is fun."

Gorr, a freshman music major, also enjoys singing in different pitches.

"I used to be soprano. I'm an alto now, and that's fun too," Gorr said.

Allen said Lifted Voices is a student-run choir independent of the Creative and Performing Arts Department. The members are in charge of membership and pick their own director.

They rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. This is the only choir at Northwestern that sings predominately gospel music. The president of Lifted Voices this year is Tobris Washington.

Quanisia Jenkins, a freshman nursing major at Northwestern who sings alto, is a member of Lifted Voices because she "loves to sing."

Jenkins said it "is like a family to me when my real family is not here," and that her favorite memories of Lifted Voices are of the Fall Fest.

The Chamber Choir consists of 34 voices this year. It has been run by Allen since he formed it in 1987. Membership to this choir is granted through audition.

The Chamber Choir is open to all students, but Allen said most members have previous experience in choirs, are well-trained and have taken voice lessons. He also said that it requires dedication, as the members meet to rehearse five days a week at 2 p.m.

Bill Brent, the Director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts, said that the Chamber Choir is made up of Northwestern's "very best singers" and is very select.

Allen said the predominantly male Chamber Choir usually consists of 32 voices, but women are sometimes added to balance out the somewhat stronger voices of the men. The choir consists of four groups: tenors, altos, sopranos and basses, each with about eight members.

The Chamber Choir has more frequent performances than the other choirs, Allen said. It goes on tours both in Louisiana and other states, such as Florida, New York and Texas. The choir once performed at Carnegie Hall, and it has attended various professional conferences such as the Louisiana All State Choir Convention.

Next year, the Chamber Choir will be the feature performing group at the All State convention.

Allen said that one of the performances the Chamber Choir is known for is "Lessons in Carols," which is an event started by King College in England. This event occurs in both Natchitoches and Alexandria.

The choirs that participate perform nine lessons, or scripture readings, beginning with the Old Testament and ending with the birth of Christ, then sing carols that relate to each of the lessons, Allen said.

The University Concert Choir, which is also run by Allen, consists of about 80 voices. Membership is open to all students across the campus through an audition.

Allen said the Concert Choir has been around since Northwestern was founded. The rehearsal days and times for the Concert Choir have not changed since its founding. The original members decided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-

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"Cabaret" opens tonight



Jason Griffin/the Current Sauce

Tiffany Rogers (left) as Sally Bowles and Ronald Hornsby as Clifford Bradshaw rehearse in the NSU Theater's production of "Cabaret." "Cabaret" begins today and will end on Sunday.

By Courtney Cavaliere
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The theater department's big-scale musical production "Cabaret" premieres tonight at 7:30 in the A.A. Fredericks auditorium.

Students get in free with their NSU IDs, while others will be charged $5 for admission.

The production will be repeated on Friday and Saturday.

Artistic Director Roger Held, who is directing the play, said he chose "Cabaret" because of its appeal to students and its theatrical renown.

"It was one of the plays that students wanted to do for a long time," Held said. "It's a large enough cast that there's a lot of opportunities for students to get on stage, and it's a reputable musical, a distinguished musical from the canon of musical theater material."

Held said the play is set in Germany in 1929, at the onset of Nazi political power, and follows two doomed romantic relationships within that volatile environment.

"It's a little like our times, and I suppose that's another one of the things that's attractive about it," Held said. "It's about human relationships in times of social strife, social stress. Their faith in the future has been shaken, so people are living a very hedonistic lifestyle."

Held said the production's content is more poignant than traditional musicals.

"It's a little more serious, a little darker and a little more about human relationships than most musicals," Held said.

Junior theater major Ronald E. Hornsby, who plays the male lead Clifford Bradshaw, expressed concern about how viewers might respond to the show's controversial subject matter.

"I'm anxious to see how the content of the show goes over with the Natchitoches community," Hornsby said. "I think we're all a little on edge. It's a fairly risqué show, as far as dance and costume goes, so I'm interested to see how the audience takes it, as well as the content of the political aspects of the show."

Hornsby said he actually transferred to NSU from Louisiana Tech in order to perform in "Cabaret."

"It's one of the hardest roles I've had to do," Hornsby said.

Director of Dance Pia Wyatt, who choreographed "Cabaret," said the controversial content will actually be one of many incentives for audience attendance.

"I think they're going to love this show because of the controversy that the show is about, because of the struggles, and because of the parallels that we have in our society right now, as well as just being able to sit back and enjoy some good singing and dancing," Wyatt said.

Held explained that "Cabaret" is only scheduled for a three-day run because of the size of the A.A. Fredericks auditorium.

"Doing 'Cabaret' requires a big stage," Held said. "That means 1,400 seats. In three days we can put everybody in Natchitoches who wants to see 'Cabaret' in that theater."

Senior theater major Tiffany Rogers, who plays the female protagonist Sally Bowles, said the role has been difficult to develop.

"It's been a lot harder than I thought it was going to be because the dramatic side of it – the characters' emotions – run a lot deeper than you think when you first see the play," Rogers said. "They come off as so flippant almost, but then you realize, toward the end of the play, there's a deeper side to these people."

Rogers expressed high expectations for opening night.

"I hope there will be a lot of people there," Rogers said. "I hope they won't just come out saying, 'Oh, that was fun, it was flashy, a good thing to watch, the costumes were pretty.' I want them to be touched by it, and to understand something when they leave."

Fashionable Focus

Raquel Hill



Beauty Q & A

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls....

Here are your fashion, beauty and health questions answered! Some of the names have been given at the request of those with questions, while others wish to remain nameless.

Q: I have short hair and no real way to style it. Got any ideas?
-Elizabeth McManamy, freshman music education major

A: Well, missy, right now the hottest short styles can be seen on stars like Charlize Theron and Ashley Judd. Take a lesson from them and play up the au natural texture of your hair.

If you have naturally or chemically curled hair, invest in a curling gel and scrunch a quarter-sized dollop of it while your tresses are still a little damp. Stick to a side-part and enjoy; this tousled look will scream sexiness.

If you want a sleek look, use a straightening creme and a flat iron. When your locks are smoothed down, take a nickel-sized amount of regular styling gel and comb your hair straight back. Pair this style with an elegant evening outfit and every eye in the room will be yours.

Q: When can black and brown be worn together?
-Erin Juneau, freshman elementary education major

A: Well, I'll have to reach back in to my hat labeled "Fall" to answer your questions. These two colors can look surprisingly great together, if worn correctly. You would not want to wear a brown belt with some black evening shoes or even a black purse with brown pair of boots.

The look that was the hottest this past fall was a black turtleneck, a brown knee-length skirt, brown tights and a pair of black leather calf-length boots. The secret to wearing black and brown together is not to mix colors with accessories. Make your black and brown combos drastic and classy.

Q: How can young people protect our bodies from health problems in the future?

A: I can't stress this enough: take a vitamin, take a vitamin and take a vitamin. It has been proven that those who take vitamins regularly have reduced risks of getting certain diseases in the future.

The most important ones are regular multi-vitamins, Vitamin-C and Vitamin-E. Vitamins C and E are excellent for your body because they increase healing and protect your body from getting everyday sicknesses. Also, eating plenty of fruit and vegetables gives your body nutrients that cannot be found in most stores.

Q: Summer is coming up. What is the best sunscreen to use?
-Shantell Francis, social work major

A: Well, I don't know if I can give you specific brands, but I can tell you what to look for when investing in a good sunscreen. While the paler folks among us are obviously at a higher risk for skin cancer due to sun exposure, sunscreens are for everyone.

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against sunburn.

For example, an SPF of 5 would allow an individual five times the amount of time in the sun without burning, compared with using no sunscreen at all.

Most of us require an SPF of 15 for complete protection. Higher SPFs of 30 or more are only indicated for those using medications (such as certain blood pressure drugs) which render skin more sensitive to sunlight.

A sunscreen with an SPF below 15 probably doesn't offer enough protection, while one with an SPF over 30 may not offer any additional benefit.

Make sure your sunscreen is waterproof. This won't just protect against lotion loss while swimming -- non-waterproof sunscreens can wash away in the body's own sweat as well.

Check for both A and B. Sunscreen should protect against both ultraviolet A (UVA) and B light spectrums -- both can damage skin. The average adult body requires at least two tablespoons of sunscreen, evenly applied, for all-body protection.

Some sunscreens can bring out allergic rashes in sensitive skins. Products containing titanium dioxide are less likely to do so. Allergies are also often tied to individual product fragrances.

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days at noon because this was the time during which most of the members had no classes.

The Concert Choir does some performances at places besides the NSU campus, Allen said. Last year they performed in New Orleans with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. Allen said they have also performed with the Shreveport Symphony a few times.

Another event the Concert Choir participates in is the annual Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Christmas Gala.

The Men's Chorus is run by Michael Rorex and consists of about 30 voices. The Women's Chorus is run by Terrie Sanders and consists of 40 voices. Rehearsals for both are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Allen said the Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus were both formed in the early 1990s. The two groups had been known collectively as the Natchitoches/Northwestern Chorale, and it met on Thursday nights.

By splitting it into a Men's Chorus and a Women's Chorus, it allowed for more flexibility and a wider variety of music, Allen said.

One thing that Allen said is unique about the choirs at NSU is they usually do one performance of a major work with the orchestra. Some years, depending on the piece being performed, all four of the main choirs participate, Allen said.

Allen also said that this year only the Concert Choir and the Chamber Choir are participating and they will be performing J. S. Bach's "Magnificat." Previous performances have included Handel's "Messiah" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Students interested in becoming a member of the choirs audition with a prepared piece. Allen said students undergo a melodic memory quiz and are also judged on their ability to site read.

From observation and based on their abilities, the students are placed in the group that is comfortable for their range, he said.

Getting To Know You



Name: James Ackman

Title: Assistant Professor of Music Education

What he does here: Teaches professional music education courses and occassionally fine arts. He also helps out with studio percussion and is a co-sponsor for Music Educators National Council.

Hometown: Originally from the Midwest and then became a resident of Boston.

Family: Married with one 19-year-old daughter

What was the most unusual thing a professor did when you were in college: A re-enactment of a student-teacher confrontation regarding grades. "It was so realistic that everyone thought they were really arguing."



Name: Latisha May

Classification: Junior

Major: Journalism (Public Relations)

Hometown: Delhi

Hobbies: Reading E. Lynn Harris, Dean Koontz, and Steven King novels.

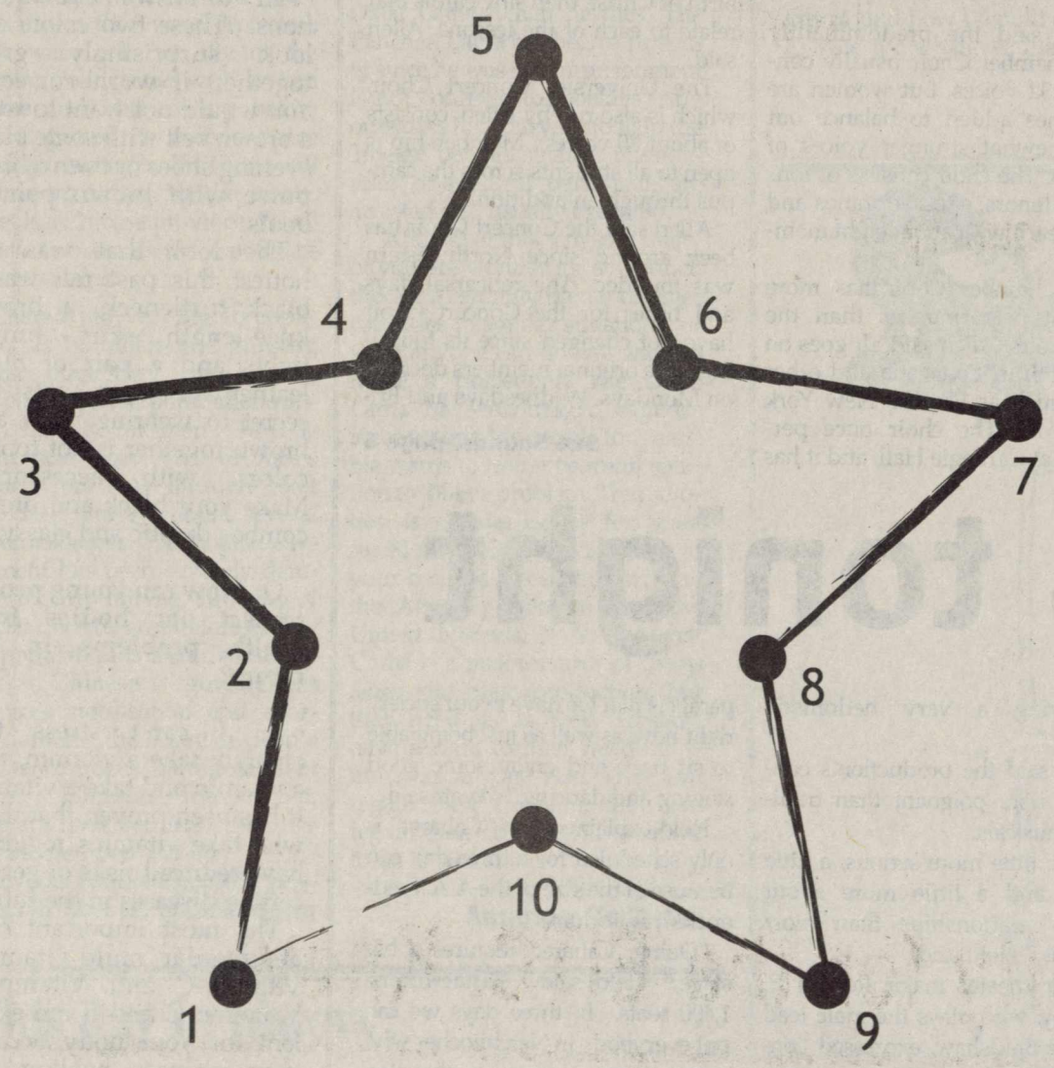
Organizations on campus: African American Caucus

Personal Quote to live by: "Don't give up no matter how hard it may seem."

Future Plans: "Graduate and continue living a life that is pleasing to the Lord."

One word to describe yourself: "Nice."

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Bench brings out the best in Dobin

By Patrick West
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La'Terrica "Cooda" Dobin broke her hand early this season and found herself fighting to get back in the playing system.

Dobin did not expect to get benched in one of her games back, but her benching turned out to be a good thing, as it turned Dobin's season around and got her refocused.

That game for the senior guard was against the Auburn Tigers. NSU made the championship game of the Auburn Tournament, but lost the game 103-52.

Dobin played only two minutes before being benched. Dobin shot only once, had one steal and one turnover. Dobin said that the Auburn game turned her around and taught her to play in the system and not as an individual.

"As I was sitting on the bench, I realized my team needed me and I needed them," Dobin said.

NSU Assistant Coach Jennifer Graf said the Auburn game made Dobin realize that you have to play hard every game.

"She didn't come out focused and ready to play," Graf said. "We benched her because she didn't play her hardest."

Graf also said that it was a reality check for Dobin and that every game after the Auburn game she played as hard as she could.

"It made Cooda realize she can play with anybody on the floor," Graf said.

After the Auburn game, Dobin was refocused and on a mission with her team. She then went on to help the Lady Demons win a Southland Conference Regular Season Championship and their first ever Southland Conference Tournament championship.

"It felt like it proved that we were the best in the conference," Dobin said on winning both championships. "A lot of naysayers were against us, but we proved them wrong."

NSU advanced to the NCAA Tournament after winning the tournament championship and finished the season with a 24-6 overall record and a 14-2 record in the conference.

NSU Head Coach James Smith said Dobin is vital to the team.

"She controls the tempo, creates on offense," Smith said. "She is tenacious and is competitive."

Dobin said this season was different than her other seasons because the team meshed together.

"We came together with a common goal: win as many times as we can," Dobin said.

Dobin also said this team was special because the ladies are like a band of sisters that stick up and encourage each other.

Teammate Amanda Bennett said there are so many ways to describe Cooda.

"She is an amazing player," Bennett said. "She is already a great player and has so much potential to be even better."

Dobin has had a stellar career at NSU, but she saved her best season for last. This season Dobin became the school's all-time assist leader with 915 assists in her career. She is also the first player in NCAA history to lead the nation in assists for three consecutive years.

Dobin said she has not really thought about being all-time assist leader because the team has been winning.

"The individual goals haven't crossed my mind," Dobin said. "When college is over, then I will think about the individual awards."

Cooda was also named the SLC Player of the Year, named to All SLC first team and named Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Dobin said her accomplishments this season have been a team deal and that her teammates kept encouraging her.

Another aspect in Dobin's career that has changed is her maturity level.

Dobin said she has matured greatly as time has passed. When she missed a shot last season, she would get down for two or three plays while the other team would still be going.

"I got to keep the wheels turning," Dobin said. "I keep my teammates happy and encouraging them. That is how I matured, I keep everybody up."

For the future, Dobin is looking forward to playing Duke again this weekend at Durham, North Carolina.

Dobin said she is going out to win the game against Duke.

"I am playing to have fun but the combined goal is to win the game," Dobin said.

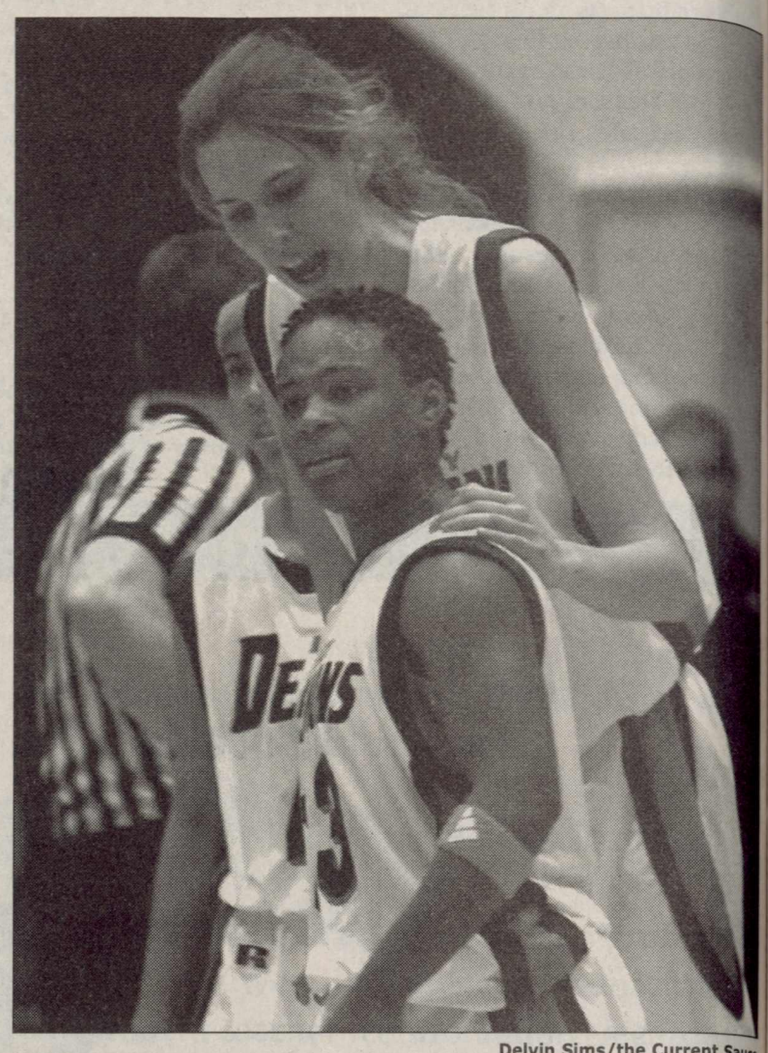
Dobin said she thinks the Lady Demons deserved a higher seed than what they were given by the Women's NCAA Committee. Cooda also said that the Lady Blue Devils put their clothes and shoes on just like NSU does, and that the Lady Demons are going to try and play their hardest.

Dobin said she will miss the fans that supported the Lady Demons and she will really miss this team because they bonded this year.

"You can't say that about too many teams," Dobin said. "I will also miss the coaches, especially Coach Smith because he keeps on me and makes me better."

Dobin ended by saying that she has future plans, but Smith is not big on individual awards and that he will tell her when things are done what she should do.

"I hope to move on, possibly the WNBA, but who knows," Dobin said.



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
La'Terrica Dobin gets words of encouragement from Ashley Sparkman during the tournament championship game. Dobin led the Demons to victory on Saturday.

The starting four rely on each other

By Joshua Barrios
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With only a seven-point lead and 15 seconds between the Lady Demons and the NCAA Tournament, excitement began to brew up among the crowd and the team. The ladies began to get worked up and loose ball control.

"Calm down," senior guard La'Terrica "Cooda" Dobin screamed.

The Lady Demons had fought so hard through the game, and Dobin wanted to make sure they finished off strong as well.

That is how the Lady Demons had played all season, but they could not have done it without a few key ingredients: each other.

In game after game, the starting five showed just how important each ingredient can be. Through out this past season, the Lady Demons starters repeatedly defined the word 'team' through their actions on and off the court.

On the court the ladies fought hard to win each game while keeping each other focused on the goal of becoming the Southland Conference Champions.

"We just have chemistry as a team and that helps us so much," junior forward Amanda Bennett said.

Bennett is not alone in her feelings about the starters' chemistry. Senior forward Katrina Swanigan said the starting five have a camaraderie that can not be contested.

"On the court we are all business," Swanigan said. "We are always there to pick each other up."

"We all have confidence in each other," junior guard Diamond Cosby added. "When one of us is not playing well, someone always steps up in their place."

The chemistry between the five starters is evident throughout each game, but junior center Ashley Sparkman pointed out another of the many positive sides of the Lady Demons.

"We are so different. We each bring something different to the table," Sparkman said. "Everyone knows their roles and plays them well."

The Lady Demons seem to have everything covered when it comes to team elements. Bennett and Cosby's great scoring averages showed their roles as shooters.

Cosby's top rankings in three-point percentage and assists show her other roles within the team and Swanigan's many blocks and steals put her near the top of the defense.

Sparkman found her niche in the team's starting crew as her 107 blocked shots led the Southland Conference and gave her the single season blocked shots record.

However, one player continually received the same reaction from the other starters.

All four other starters could not deny that Dobin led the team in multiple ways.

Bennett and Cosby agree that Dobin is the pace setter of the team setting the tempo in every game, but they also agree that she is an amazing player.

"She gets us all in position and always knows where her shooters are," Bennet said.

"When she has the ball, nobody's able to defend her," Sparkman said.

Swanigan described Dobin as an emotional player; a label she also gives to Bennett.

"Amanda is the most determined player on the floor," Swanigan said. "It's like she has the eye of the tiger."

Bennett is also described as the team shooter as Cosby said Bennett loves to take three point shots.

"She'll take them from way out deep and she still knocks them down," Cosby said.

Cosby loves the way Bennett shoots and according to Bennett, she feels the same way about Cosby.

"We have so much in common, Diamond is like my partner in crime," Bennett said. "We always want to shoot the ball."

"She is very offensive," Sparkman said. "She can shoot the three or take it to the hole. Either way it's good."

Swanigan agreed with Bennett and Sparkman saying she believes Cosby has never seen a shot she did not like.

"We call her 'AND 1' because she has the AND 1 show tape moves," Swanigan said.

Swanigan's nickname for Cosby helps paint a picture of Cosby's skill as a player, but when the tables were turned Swanigan's nickname showed a side away from the court. Cosby, Bennett and Sparkman labeled Swanigan as the team's crazy princess.

"She is such a princess," Cosby said. "After the games everything is done up. Her hair, her clothes, everything."

"She's crazy," Bennett said. "She's so fun to be around and so girly."

"She is so off the wall," Sparkman agreed. "You never know what she'll put out there or what she'll do next."

While Sparkman was quick to tell of her teammates, she was stunned silent when it came to talking about her own achievements. That may be why she has been labeled as the team's quiet giant.

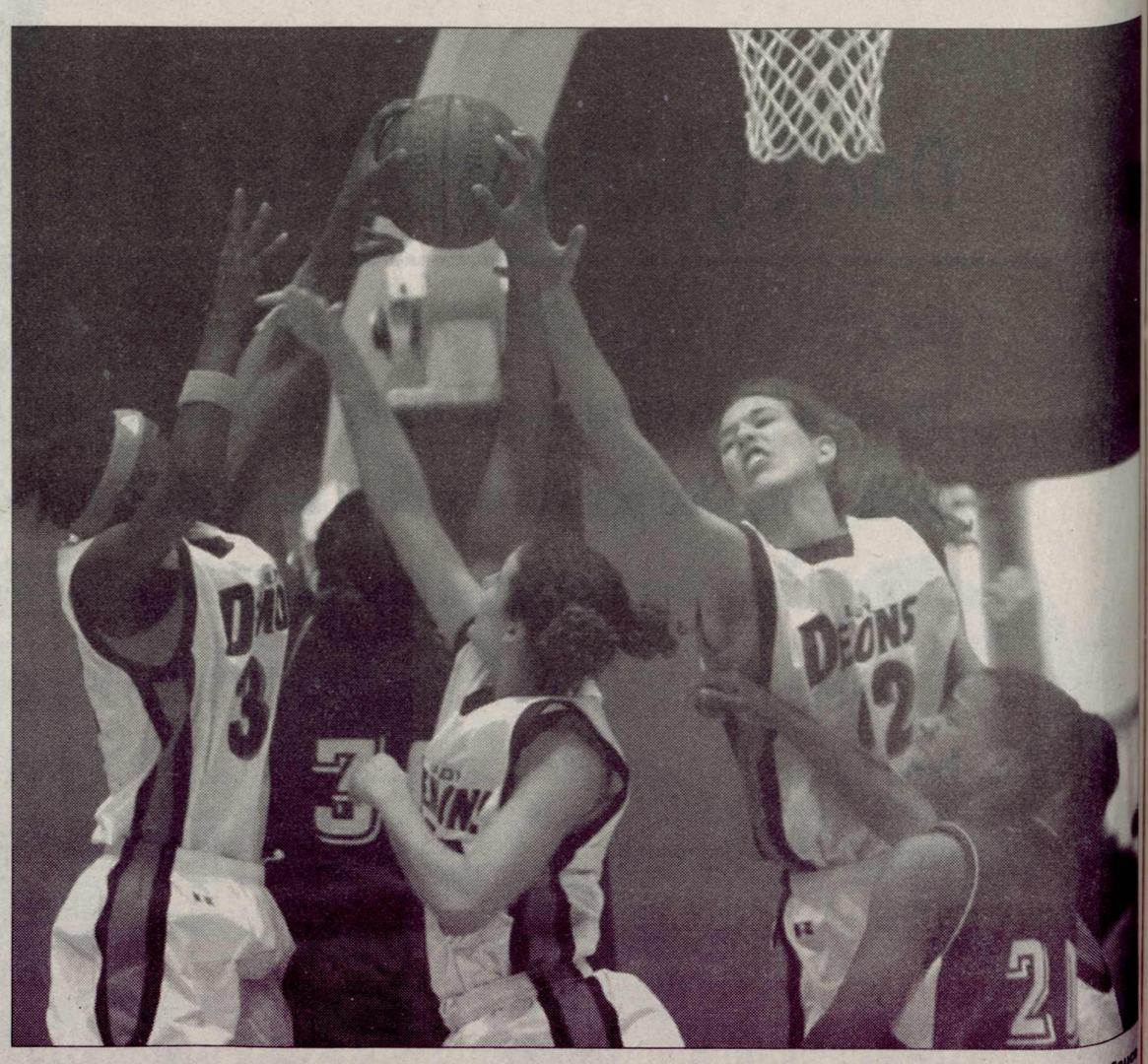
"Solemn," Bennett said of Sparkman. "She is very quiet, but she can come on very strong."

Sparkman showed how strong she could be when she broke the Lady Demons' single game record for blocked shots when she swatted away eight against the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Bennett also said it is easy to get along with her teammates since she

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Ashley Sparkman, Amanda Bennett and Chassidy Jones fight to get the rebound away from the UTA defender.

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s roommates with some of them, ncluding Sparkman.

"We are best friends; it's great, nd we never argue," Bennett said.

By learning to bond on and off he court, the Lady Demons were ble to take the Southland Confer- nce Championship with a confer- nce record of 14-2 and an overall ecord of 24-6 while defeating eams like Ball State and Kent State.

The Lady Demons found themselves winning the Southland Conference Tournament only one week later grabbing an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"There are 360 teams in division I and we made it to the top 64! It's pretty amazing if you think about it," Bennett said.

Although the bid means the team will be able to prove their worth to the nation, the players disagree with the seed they were given in their division.

The Lady Demons ranked 57 overall in the tournament, but were given a bottom seed in the Mideast division placing them against Duke in the first round.

"We are pretty upset," Bennett said. "Statistically, we should be a 14th seed, but we can't turn back on the hand we've been dealt."

The rest of the starters seem to agree with Bennett's outlook on the tournament, looking forward to the game and getting ready to play as hard as they can.

Cosby agreed, saying she feels the team has made significant improvements snce they last played Duke in late December.

"We're just going to have to show them what we are made of and try to come out on top," Cosby said.

Swanigan said she believes the Demons have an advantage going into the game since they have already played against Duke making the game less intimidating. She also said she feels Duke may go into it thinking lightly of the game, giving the Lady Demons a possible second advantage.

Overall, the Lady Demons starters have worked hard to get where they are now and have found a way to mesh in a way that has improved their play beyond any practice. This season has tested their will as players and friends, but no matter the outcome of this Sunday, they will come out as winners.

Impact players contribute off the bench

By Mike McCorkle
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Every championship team has to have a strong supporting cast to succeed. The bench of the 2004 Southland Conference Champion Lady Demons played this role to perfection.

The Lady Demons bench contributed significantly to the team's success and 24-6 record. It produced 28.7 percent of the team's total points and 42.6 percent of the team's total rebounds. This allowed Head Coach James Smith to play deep into the bench when he needed.

"This is the best bench we've had in 20 years," Smith said. "They have played a huge role in the team's success."

Their contributions are not just during games. Scrimmages between the starters and reserves during practice provide valuable preparation for games.

"They definitely help in practice," Smith said. "They provide strong competition for the starters."

One of the biggest surprises this season is the play of Chassidy Jones. Jones is the 2004 Southland Conference Freshman of the Year. Jones' scoring average of 8.9 points per game ranked fourth on the team and 24th in the conference.

"Jones has a good knowledge of the game and she learns quickly," Smith said. "She has a good shot and great hands for handling the ball."

Jones credits the coaches and her teammates for helping her make the transition from high school to college basketball.

"It was a big transition because the competition is harder and practices are more intense," Jones said. "I have great teammates and a great coaching staff."

Backup forward Beth Tallant is another reason for the team's success this season. Talant's 3.5 rebounds per game and 20 blocked shots for the season make her an asset on the defensive side of the court. She also averaged 3.8 points per game.

"We lose height inches when Beth comes in for Ashley (Sparkman), but her long reach still made her a big threat to block shots and rebound," Smith said.

Tallant said her contributions to the team cannot be measured on a stat sheet.

"I think I provide a spark when I come into the game," Tallot said. "I just get fired up and love to play the game."

The sophomore trio of Sheronda Bell, LaTonya Perry and Shenise Milliner also contributed this season. Bell's offensive skills and Perry and Milliner's defensive presence this year helped the team and provided valuable experience for the upcoming seasons.

The reserve players said they have a hand in the team's success even when they are not playing. The moral support they provide is as valuable as a three-pointer or key defensive rebound.

"We have to back up the team no matter what," Perry said.

Sheronda Bell also feels it is her duty to motivate the team while on the bench.

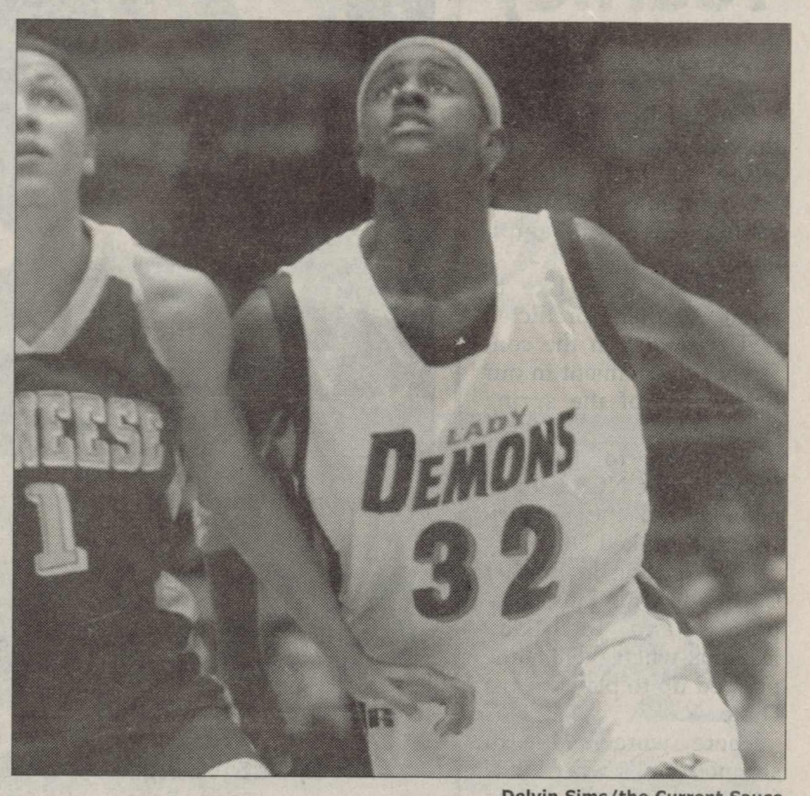
"I contribute by supporting the team," Bell said. "I motivate them and tell them we can do it."

This is the last season for seniors Cooda Dobin and Katrina Swanigan. Many of the reserves plan on working hard during the off-season so they can improve their games and have larger roles on the team.

"I'm definitely going to work hard over the summer," Jones said. "It would be great to start on the team one day."

Regardless of their individual aspirations, each reserve knows the importance of accomplishing her role on the team.

"I've accepted my role on the bench, and I feel I play better because I'm able to get a feel of the tempo before stepping on the court," Tallant said.



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
Freshman of the Year Chassidy Jones fights for a rebound against McNeese State.

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defense, as well as key aces in the fifth and 11th games.

Her winning point of the third set's 11th game – patient, lofting volleys wrapped up by a well-finessed cross-court shot that caught Risoleo out of position – summarized that last rally.

NSU freshman Catalina Villegas came back from three games down in her second set to fight off McNeese freshman Urska Dobersek in the No. 3 singles, winning 6-3, 6-3. Junior and fellow Columbian Camila Prado held off MSU senior Allison Lui in the No. 6 singles 7-5, 6-1.

Zerwick's doubles partner, junior Alexandra Nieto, lost the No. 5 singles to MSU junior Marina Gando 7-5, 6-1. The Cowgirls also posted straight set wins against NSU junior Eliza Young in the No. 1 singles and freshman Magali Van den Bergh in the No. 4 singles.

The Demons nearly swept the Cowgirls in doubles play, with No. 1 doubles team Zerwick and Nieto beating Risoleo and Lui 8-5 and No. 2 team Young and Villegas beating Gando and MSU sophomore Noella Furno 8-6. Van den Bergh and Prado, however, dropped an early lead and were beaten by Dobersek and MSU freshman Madeleine Hakansson in the No. 3 doubles 8-6.

Zerwick's win was her seventh straight in singles play, and the team's victory was its seventh out of its previous eight games.

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The Demons also beat Lamar University's Lady Cardinals (3-6, 1-2 conference) at NSU Saturday morning, winning doubles and three straight-set singles matches.

Young beat senior Elena Korbout in No. 1 singles 6-4, 6-4, and Nieto clenched the team win by beating sophomore Kendall Gibbs in the No. 5 singles, 6-3, 6-4.

Zerwick had a decidedly easier time beating Lamar's Nicole Weber than she did against McNeese's Risoleo, breezing quickly past Weber with a dominating 6-1, 6-0 win.

Villegas lost a close match, 6-4, 7-6, (6) to Lamar junior Hayley Bakker. Lady Cardinal freshman Andrea Martinez beat Van den Bergh 6-1, 7-5, and Prado lost to Lamar freshman Beatriz DeReagil 6-1, 6-4.

Young and Villegas won the No. 1 doubles match against Korbout and Gibbs 8-6, and Zerwick and Nieto beat Martinez and Bakker 8-6 in No. 2 doubles. Van den Bergh and Prado lost the close No. 3 doubles match 9-7 to DeRegil and Weber.

NCAA to pay team's travel expenses for tournament

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Now that the NSU women's basketball team is about to hit the road again to compete in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament in Durham, N.C., the question is: where does the money come from for the team to get there?

Greg Burke, Northwestern's athletic director, said the NCAA would pay the team's expenses.

Because it is somewhat of a reward to compete in the tournament, Burke said it is the philosophy of the NCAA that the teams and schools not have to pay for anything.

Burke said the NCAA covers the expenses for transportation, lodging, meals and any other cost that shall arise.



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
Assistant Coach Jennifer Graf cuts the net.

Burke said the travel arrangements are made through a travel agency designated by the NCAA. He said the team would fly to North Carolina either by a charter or commercial flight.

Burke also said the team will not receive any money for competing in the tournament.

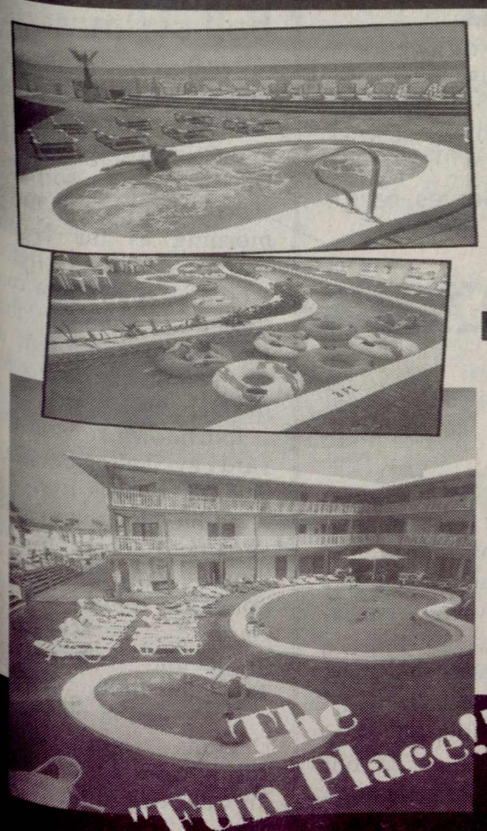
However, Burke said he believes recruiting for women's basketball and Northwestern's student enrollment will receive a boost.

It is natural for talented players to want to be a part of a successful program, Burke said.

Regarding NSU's enrollment, Burke said having successful athletic teams brings a level of pride and recognition to NSU, which creates a positive image for high school students.

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I would like to start off this column by congratulating the Lady Demons on winning their first tournament championship.

Also, I would like to point out that I predicted NSU would win the conference tournament in our first paper of the spring semester.

Now on to the Big Dance or the NCAA Tournament and the rematch with top-ranked Duke.

I was sitting in Prather Coliseum with fans, supporters and the Lady Demons when their name popped up to play against Duke.

There were a lot of stunned looks when NSU found out who they would be playing.

Most people figured the Lady Demons would travel to Austin or Baton Rouge but the committee decided to give us a rematch against the Blue Devils.

I think we are better than a No. 16 seed, perhaps a 14 or 15 seed but not a 16 seed. I am sure everybody remembers what happened the last time we played Duke in Shreveport for the Christmas Classic. They won, barely 105-53.

That was on our home turf, now we are traveling to their home turf, Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, North Carolina.

Duke owns a 12-2 record in NCAA Tournament games played in Durham and has won its last 10 in a row.

Duke also wrapped up its fifth consecutive ACC Tournament Championship and fourth straight ACC Regular Season title.

The Blue Devils are led by Shreveport native Alana Beard, who was named ESPN.com's Player of the Year and the ACC Player of the Year for a third straight year.

Beard was also the first woman in Duke history to have her jersey retired and hanging in the rafters next to the Duke men's jerseys.

Let's not forget the other players on Duke's talented squad like Iciss Tillis, All-ACC First Team along with Beard, Monique Curry, All-ACC second team, Mistie Bass and Lindsey Harding, All-ACC third team.

I think this time the game will not be such a blowout because the NSU team is better than in December. La'Terrica Dobin, for one, is healthy.

The last time we played, Dobin's hand was still hurt or broke. She rushed her recovery to play Duke, so now she is 100 percent and ready to go.

Also, Amanda Bennett was not intimated the last game scoring, a game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds.

As long as NSU does not come out nervous and jittery like the last game, I think the Lady Demons will hang in there.

If we can keep the ball game close, then we have a shot, especially with the shooters we have.

Check out the game on ESPN on Sunday, you never know what will happen. Go Demons and beat Duke!



Delvin Sims/the Current Sauce
The Lady Demon basketball team celebrates their victory over the University of Texas-Arlington in the tournament championship game Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

NSU wins tournament

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The 10th time was the charm for the Northwestern State Lady Demons as they finally broke a 0-9 Southland Conference tournament record Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

NSU held off a late charge by the University of Texas-Arlington and won their first ever conference tournament championship 78-71.

The Lady Demons advanced to the NCAA Tournament with the win and was seen on Fox Sports Southwest. The other time NSU made the NCAA Tournament was in 1989 with an at-large bid.

After finishing in the runner-up spot eight times, NSU was able to cut the nets down at home in front of a record crowd of 2,713. The crowd was the fourth-largest for a women's basketball game at Prather.

"We have been to the doorstep many times but we had to do it somewhere else, and that is always been a little bit more difficult," Director of Athletics Greg Burke said. "When you are at home and you have a crowd like this, how high it picks you up and it reminds you are not tired when you really are. Tonight should be a very good reminder of why you want to play the tournament on your home court."

The Lady Demons won the game on a simple component of basketball: defense. NSU shut down UTA's inside game as the Mavericks inside girls could not score against the tough Lady Demon defense.

With the inside game gone, the Mavericks had to depend on their outside shooting, but could only hit 14 of 43 from the floor.

"We did something different on defense than the last time, we doubled from the weak side and we changed it up," Head Coach James Smith said. "They had trouble adjusting to it."

UTA shot a dismal 28 percent from the floor and 30 percent from behind the three-point line. The bright spot for UTA was they outrebounded NSU 56-42.

The NSU defense was anchored by junior center Ashley Sparkman and senior forward Katrina Swanigan.

Sparkman finished the game with 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots, while Swanigan took away UTA's leading inside scorer Rola Ogunoye.

Ogunoye could only muster 11 points while shooting 4 of 12 from the floor.

"My job was to keep Rola off the offensive boads and pretty much keep her out of their offensive plans and I think we did that," Swanigan said.

Leading scorer for NSU was La'Terrica Dobin with 27 points, six assists, five steals and 10 rebounds. Also helping the Lady Demons on scoring was Amanda Bennett with 22 points and seven rebounds and Diamond Cosby with 19 points.

Dobin, Bennett and Cosby were name to the All-Tournament team with Dobin named the Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Other players named to the team were UTA's Ogunoye and University of Texas-San Antonio's Nikki Hendrix.

Up next for NSU is the NCAA Tournament. The Lady Demons were tagged with a No. 16 seed and has to travel to play Duke at Cameron Indoor Arena in Durham, North Carolina.

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Tennis serves up three wins

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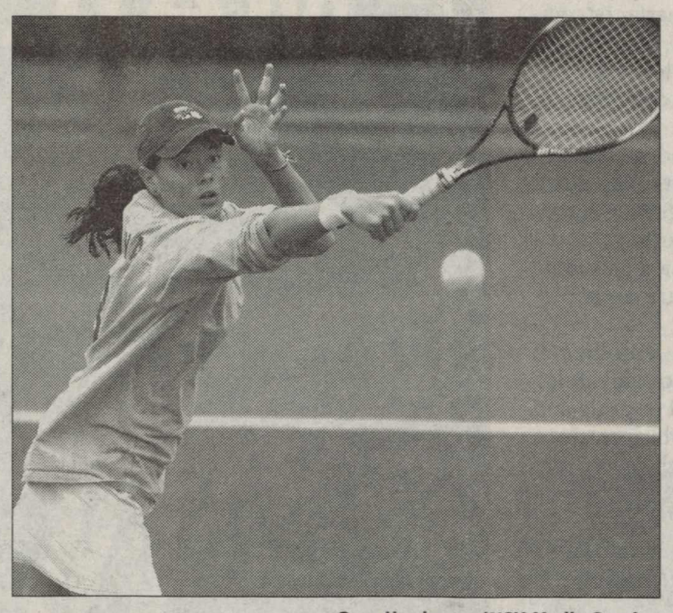
NSU 5 - ULM 2

NSU tennis team won their fourth straight Southland Conference match Tuesday with a 5-2 victory at University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The Lady Demons tennis team took the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles point to start with. Anneline Zerwick and Alex Nieto won 8-2, while Camila Prado and Magali Van den Bergh had an 8-0 victory.

In singles, No.3 freshman Catalina Villegas won 6-2 and 7-5. Also freshman Magali Van den Bergh won 6-2 and 6-0. No. 5 junior Alex Nieto had a solid win, 6-0 and 6-0, while junior No. 6 Camila Prado rolled 6-1 and 6-0 over her opponent.

Anneline Zerwick had her first conference loss, 4-6 and 5-7. No. 1 Eliza Young also lost her match, 0-6 and 0-6.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
NSU tennis player Catalina Villegas attempts a backhand this weekend. NSU has won four matches in a row.

"They have a strong top, but they lack depth," Zerwick said.

"The NSU bottom dominated today," Prado said. "It was an important win. We took care of our business!"

Lady Demons tennis team record is 4-1 in conference.

"Last year we ended with a 5-5 record," Zerwick said. "We probably need one more win to make the conference tournament."

"The team is much stronger this year," Young said.

NSU tennis will be on the road next weekend, visiting Nicholls State on Saturday and Southeastern Louisiana on Sunday.

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NSU 4 - MSU 3

In a three-hour match, Anneline Zerwick came from behind to snatch victory — both in her singles match and for the University — away from Southland Conference rival McNeese State.

Zerwick's 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 win over junior Magali Risoleo in the No. 2 singles match sealed a 4-3 Demon triumph against McNeese's Cowgirls (7-3, 3-1 conference).

NSU (7-3, 3-1 conference) also won the doubles point and the Nos. 3 and 6 singles matches at the University's Jack Fisher Tennis Complex on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Zerwick, a sophomore, chastised her own mistakes and cheered her own rallies when she battled from behind during the match. She recovered from losing the first set by dominating the second, and then won five of the last six games to take the third set.

The third set started as the other singles games finished, and Zerwick's match became NSU's last chance to beat McNeese for the first time in a decade.

Falling behind one game to three early in the set against Risoleo's tenacious baseline shots, Zerwick responded with tough

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Rowing wins seven medals in Texas

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The NSU Crew had a successful weekend at the Heart of Texas Regatta Saturday in Austin, Texas. Of the 10 boats the team entered, nine went to finals and seven received medals.

"We did really well," Head Coach Alan Pasch said. "We peaked at just the right time."

NSU entered two boats in the second heat of the men's open 4+ race. The NSU A boat placed third and the NSU B boat placed fourth.

The A boat went on to sweep finals with a first-place finish.

"We had a rocket boat this weekend," said Seth Fornea, a boat rower and team president. "It was really exciting to win."

The mixed novice 8+ also placed first in a finals-only race. The men's second novice 4+, the men's open 8+ and the men's first novice 4+ all placed second in their finals events.

The men's novice 8+ placed second only 7.93 seconds behind Texas Crew in finals only race.

"There were some really big schools there, and it was nice for NSU to come away with that many medals," stroke Matt Hooker said. Hooker went on to win two other medals that day.

The mixed open 8+ placed third in their finals-only race, just 1.78 seconds behind Rice University's Crew.

The women's open 4+ finished second in their heat and fourth in finals with a 0.69 second difference between them and Rowing Club at Baylor University.

"It was a nasty dog fight until the end," stroke Valerie Broussard said. "It was stroke for stroke, but they won. We were only a stroke behind them."

Pasch credits part of the team's victory on Saturday to the race they held here on the March 6. Pasch said those races against Texas gave NSU the confidence it needed to succeed in Austin.

Now the team is preparing for spring training, then it is off to Oakridge, Tenn., for the Southeastern Intercollegiate Rowing Association regatta.

"We'll have the best showing we've ever had," Pasch said. "In past years we've gone just to go, but this year we're a little more cocky. I'm excited to see what we're going to do."

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (12-15)

March 16, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **LaTech** (12-11)

NSU 1 - **LaTech 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	2	2
Tech	0	0	0	3	0	0	X	-	3	3	0

March 14, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Texas-Arlington** (8-14-1)

NSU 3 - **UTA 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	-	3	9	1
UTA	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	-	6	9	0

Northwestern State vs. Texas-Arlington

NSU 5 - UTA 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	-	5	4	2
UTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	4	6	0

Key Player:
Krystle Nichols
Game Winning Home Run vs. UTA (Gm. 2)
senior catcher

NSU Baseball (9-8)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Bobby Barbier
3 run home run (GW) vs. Ark.-Little Rock
Senior outfielder

March 16, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Arkansas-Little Rock** (6-8)

NSU 5 - UALR 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	X	-	5	9	1
UALR	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	-	4	8	0

March 14, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **JSU (6-9)**

NSU 19 - JSU 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	5	2	1	6	0	2	0	3	0	-	19	22	0
JSU	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	-	4	8	2

Northwestern State vs. JSU

NSU 2 - **JSU 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	2	6	2
JSU	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	X	-	6	13	2

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

FOOTBALL

Six scores highlight football scrimmage

Redshirt freshman quarterback Connor Morel threw for two touchdowns and returning starter Davon Vinson also had a touchdown pass Saturday morning as the Northwestern State offense scored six times in a controlled scrimmage that marked the midpoint of spring football practice for the Demons.

Touchdown runs of five yards by Shelton Sampson and three yards from A.J. Franklin, along with a 39-yard field goal from Josh Storrs and five extra points by Tommy Hebert completed the scoring in the 90-play scrimmage at Turpin Stadium.

The session was the Demons' eighth of 15 spring workouts, concluding Saturday night, March 27 with the annual Joe Delaney Bowl game.

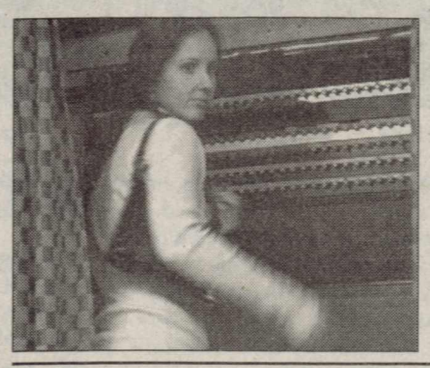
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Polls close for SGA election at 4:30 p.m. today!

Voting booths in Student Union lobby; bring student ID

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What's Current?

SGA considers, passes legislation Monday

A resolution sponsored by Senator Robert Silvie II proposed setting aside the Friday after Spring election filings to be observed as a "Meet & Greet Your SGA Senator/SAB Representative" Day. It was referred to the External Affairs Committee for further review.

A piece of legislation sponsored by Senator Keith Gates proposed that the SGA approve the guidelines for the new Wellness Recreation and Activity Center to be opened in the Fall 2004 semester. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

A resolution sponsored by Silvie and Gates proposed raising the maximum number of pages that a student can print in a computer lab from 10 pages to 20 pages. It was passed with a 12-3 vote.

For more on Monday's meeting see SGA minutes on www.currentsauce.com

Elaine Broussard

Natchitoches Parish Health Clinic conducts mock terror drill

Volunteers acted terminally ill as the Natchitoches Parish Health Clinic conducted a mock bio-terrorism treatment event last Thursday.

Among the volunteers were students and faculty from NSU, students from the LSMSA, and members of the general community.

The story behind the treatment included a fictional concert that had been exposed to the plague. Participants were given a role card that listed an age and symptoms to play, but were asked to create fictional personal information for their character. The information on the role cards ranged from 15-year-old boys with no symptoms to an older man who had taken all his medication to try to kill the plague instantly.

Once inside the clinic, the staff sorted the volunteers by needs, then distributed information on the plague and the medication, Doxycycline. Finally, the organizers asked students to evaluate the event. The entire process lasted less than half an hour.

Some of the volunteers took the opportunity to make it as much a disaster as possible, as one EMT paramedic described.

"One girl played someone paralyzed from the waist down," said Certification Coordinator Ryan David. "She fell out of her chair and started screaming, 'I need my pot! I need my pot!'"

Anthony McKaskle

NSU dean's WWII video to air on LPB

Donald Hatley, dean of the liberal arts department, put together a group of campus filmmakers and local historians to create a video about World War II field maneuvers. Hatley said he developed interest in this topic from a Smithsonian exhibit of posters about fighting the war at the home front.

As part of the home front war preparations, the military was involved in various maneuvers to train and test equipment. Hatley said the video deals withWinn parish, where some of the maneuvers took place.

"There was some money in the grant to do some interviewing of people in Winnfield who remember World War II," Hatley said. "As we interviewed people, they kept coming back to memories of these military maneuvers that took place all throughout World War II."

"The first part is a large panoramic view of the maneuvers to help people understand how the Louisiana maneuvers of 1941 fit into the American preparation for World War II," Hatley said. "The second part is the interviews with people who were children at the time."

Funding for the program came from an already existing budgeted fund for projects such as this Hatley said. As for filming and editing the program, Hatley enlisted help from Roy Davis, operations engineer, and David Antilley, NSU22 director, to shoot video in Winn Parish.

The program will be first aired on April 5 at 9 p.m. on Louisiana Public Broadcasting. The video can be purchased as a VHS or DVD from either the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame or the Northwestern State University Department of Journalism. Proceeds from the video's sales will be used to produce other similar films.

Kyle Carter

SGA election/debate 2004

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce Reporter



Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*

From left, SGA presidential candidate Mindy McConnell and running mate Zach Pulliam debate Tuesday in the Ora G. Williams Television Studio with presidential candidate Dustin Floyd and running mate Alan Sypert.

The candidates for SGA president and vice president squared off in debate Tuesday afternoon.

The event pitted Senator Mindy McConnell and running mate Senate Speaker Zachary Pulliam against Senators Dustin Floyd and Alan Sypert.

The debate began with Floyd's opening remarks.

"I think there's been too much politics in this election," Floyd said.

Floyd went on to address the issue of student fees, saying that he has voted against every fee increase proposed during his terms as senator.

"When our fees go up, why doesn't the quality of the campus increase as well?" Floyd said. "Something is incredibly wrong... we as students must stand up and say, 'Find the money elsewhere, because our wallets are tapped.'"

McConnell also expressed concern over fee increases in her opening statement, and went on to point out her leadership experience.

"Throughout my years of service I have enjoyed giving back to the students by listening to their concerns and producing concrete results," McConnell said. "It is my promise to work with the student body presidents to fight the state legislature's consistent attempts to make budget cuts to higher education."

Moderator and current SGA Vice President Scott Manguno then asked the candidates questions about their plans for the SGA and issues facing NSU students.

Both candidates suggested that more security cameras would make the campus safer. Floyd proposed paying for these cameras with student technology fees while McConnell favored obtaining state funding.

McConnell also pointed out that she has written legislation on loitering laws to make women feel safer outside their dormitories and Iberville Dining Hall.

"I also implemented the campus shut down project over Christmas break," McConnell said.

The program closed off all campus entrances except for one, funneling traffic flow past the police stations in an effort to reduce break-ins and theft.

Floyd also gave an example of work he has done to increase campus security.

"When the locks were out in Sabine dorms...I actually went to the dorms and I got television crews there until the locks were fixed," Floyd said.

One point on which the candidates did not agree was the proposal of a new one-dollar student fee increase to help fund the theater department. McConnell and Sypert co-authored the bill, and Floyd was the only senator that voted against proposing it to the students.

"I did vote against this measure just to keep my 100 percent record of voting against student fee increases," Floyd said.

McConnell then pointed out that the senate vote had been to determine whether to allow the student body to vote on the issue, not to put it into effect.

"I know that this is the only way that (the theater department) can get money to make better productions," McConnell added.

Sypert agreed with McConnell and said, "As long as the students always end up with the last say in the matter... that's the most important thing."

Approximately 25 students attended the event. One of the few in attendance who was not affiliated with the SGA, the NSU 22 crew or *the Current Sauce* was KNWD music director Brad Hartley.

"I think Mindy did a really good job of getting her point across," Hartley said. "Dustin Floyd definitely got the comedy appeal, but I don't think it's about that. It's about the issues."

The SGA and the journalism department hosted the debate in The Ora G. Williams Television Studio in Kyser Hall at 7 p.m.



Chris Reich/*the Current Sauce*



Kristen Dauzat/*the Current Sauce*

Left: A plastic Santa wearing a Floyd/Sypert campaign shirt could be seen Tuesday outside the Union.

Right: Alex Strugatskiy rides a bicycle while carrying a McConnell/Pulliam campaign flag in front of Morrison Hall Tuesday.

Ecuador trip offers students credit hours

By Anthony McKaskle
Copy Editor

Students who sign up before April 1 have the opportunity to go to Ecuador and earn 10 credit hours for the trip.

Head of Biological Sciences Michael Bodri is offering a short course for the fall semester in tropical ecology, which includes a trip to Ecuador from Dec. 26 to Jan. 29. Bodri said the commitment date is April 21 to secure cheaper airfare.

"My first trip, we were able to get tickets at about $300 a person," Bodri said. "So the whole trip cost about each person about $800."

"Last year we had to cancel the trip because people signed up so late, airfare alone was over $1,000," Bodri added.

Although anyone can sign up for the trip, those seeking to earn credit hours must enroll in a one-hour seminar course in the fall semester. The grade for the seminar course will be delayed until after the trip, which Bodri said will count for nine lab hours.

Even though the trip is scheduled for the holidays, Bodri said he was not concerned about international terrorism.

"Travelling out of the country is not really a problem," Bodri said. "Costa Rican, Ecuadorian countries

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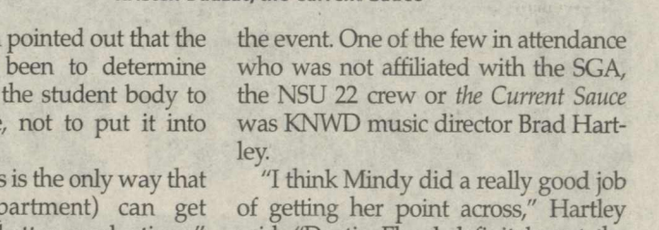


Photo courtesy Michael Bodri

Former NSU students watch monkeys during an Ecuador trip.

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

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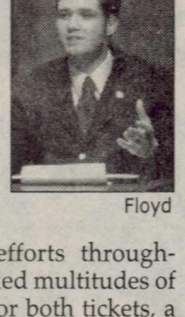
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SGA campaign efforts tested

By Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor


McConnell


Floyd

Student elections began on Wednesday with strong campaigning efforts from both SGA presidential tickets and a promising voter turnout.

When the polls closed Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., 569 students had voted in the election, said current SGA President Greg Comeaux.

"I am amazed at the voter turnout," said SGA vice presidential candidate Alan Sypert. "It is very impressive."

Sypert said that in the Spring 2002 election, approximately 700 students voted both days of the election, and 569 students on the first day is an impressive number.

SGA presidential candidate Mindy McConnell and her running mate Zachary Pulliam campaigned outside of the student union throughout Wednesday.

"We've been out here all day," McConnell said. "I got here at 7, I started putting up flyers, I haven't left the Student Union, and I've gotten such a positive response from students who are eager and interested, so I'm feeling great."

Campaigning efforts throughout the day included multitudes of flyers and signs for both tickets, a bicyclist waving a campaign flag for McConnell-Pulliam and a figure of Santa Claus representing the Floyd-Sypert ticket.

"I think the day has been fantabulous," Pulliam said. "I think that both tickets have come out strong with all the crazy hijinks and people supporting them."

"I am very happy with the record turnout," said presidential candidate Dustin Floyd. "It doesn't matter who students vote for, as long as they get out and vote. It was very important to me that students had a choice in this election."

It has been two years since NSU has held an SGA presidential election. Last spring, Greg Comeaux and Scott Manguno won the president and vice presidential seats unopposed.

SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux won a second term unopposed after his challenger Kelli Miller was disqualified by the Election Board on Tuesday.

The board ruled that Miller did not meet the requirement of having taken at least two accounting classes in high school or college.

Election Board Commissioner Sharmyn Little said that she received Miller's high school transcript on Monday, and it showed Miller had taken one accounting class in high school and a finite math class. The Election Board ruled on Tuesday that finite math cannot be counted as an accounting class.

"I think the election board made the right decision, but I am disappointed with Sharmyn, the election board commissioner, for taking so long to realize that finite math is not an accounting class," Boudreaux said. "This could have been settled much earlier. This represents a gross incompetence on her part for not consulting professors or a course catalog."

Students call out for campus safety

By Anthony McKaskle
Copy Editor

After witnessing a new safety program at Southeastern Louisiana University, one NSU counselor and several students are calling out to other students to shape the future of safety on campus and in the community.

Counselor Leah Lentz, who organized the trip to Southeastern, said the students involved in Project Safe Campus – the first of its kind in the University of Louisiana system – sponsored four on-campus events. Each event dealt with issues that regularly confront college students.

The first event, "Behind the Shades," consisted of four students delivering monologues about rape.

"The monologues were testimonials that students from other colleges had written and sent in," Lentz said. "It was just four students talking," Lentz said. "No props, no spacing or anything."

After networking with the community, regional authorities, and other students at Southeastern, Project Safe Campus also staged a car accident.

"They covered every point, had everyone in the region that would respond to a car accident, from the chief of police to everyone who would be involved," Lentz said.

One of the other events concerned the facts, myths and signs of college suicide. Senior history major Erica Johnson, one of the attendees, said that "Yellow Ribbon" was not just suicide education, but prevention.

"The typical amounts of suicide rates among college students are incredibly high," Johnson said. "So if you know someone who's thinking about suicide, you give them a card with a ribbon, and maybe they don't give it a second glance, but when they hit rock bottom, they might see that."

"Depression just sets in and eats you alive," Johnson added. "Ribbons are placed all over campus as a way of saying, 'Hey, there is somebody who cares.'"

Like Lentz, Johnson mentioned that student involvement at Southeastern was key to the success of the project.

"If students initiated it, it makes everyone excited," Johnson said. "And if the college gets excited about something the community gets excited too, because if the college is safer than the whole community is safer."

All students interested in campus safety are welcome to get involved, but Lentz is actively seeking younger students for the project.

"I wanted mostly freshmen to keep the project alive for at least a few years," Lentz said.

Any student interested in Project Safe campus at NSU can contact Lentz at the Counseling and Career Services Office at 357-5621.

ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

3-17-04

1:02 a.m.
There was a disturbance reported at the athletic field. Officers talked with a woman and advised her that if officers had to come back she would be issued summons for disturbing the peace.

3:22 a.m.
Brown's Security called in reference to the silent alarm of the left front door at the Middle Lab School going off.

11:02 a.m.
Two students came in to report a fight at the post office. The suspects were gone when officers arrived.

11:56 a.m.
A student on the Demon Shuttle called in another possible fight in front of the post office. It was suspected to possibly be over when officers arrived.

9:52 p.m.
A suspicious man was seen at the Athletic Fieldhouse wearing navy clothes and a stocking cap. Officers questioned the subject and learned he was a Rapides resident.

3-18-04

2:40 a.m.
The Natchitoches Fire Department called because the fire alarm was going off at Prudhomme Hall. Smoke from a microwave set the alarm off.

7:05 a.m.
A vehicle at the Columns was broken into. All four tires were gone, the driver's side window was broken out and the dash was stripped out.

12:04 p.m.
A man called to report a theft from the interior of his white Lumina. The car was broken into from the passenger side and the CD player, a Cobra radar detector worth $150, $300 cash and $100 worth of CDs were all stolen.

5:53 p.m.
A student complained of a water gun fight outside of the Columns. An officer told them to stop.

3-19-04

5:40 a.m.
The Natchitoches Police Department called campus police about the fire alarm being activated at the Louisiana School. Everything checked out OK.

9:09 a.m.
A resident of Varnado called to report a break-in in her dorm room.

4:08 p.m.
Two men were advised not to bring dogs on campus anymore.

4:22 p.m.
A student came in to report a stolen hang tag.

8:50 p.m.
A CA from the Columns called to report a residence burglary in building 11.

3-20-04

6:18 p.m.
A resident of Rapides called to report a break-in.

7:10 p.m.
Another Rapides resident called with information pertaining to a break-in.

10:37 p.m.
RAs at Rapides were advised to shut and lock the doors where the golf carts were.

3-21-04

6:27 a.m.
A vehicle was discovered wrapped in plastic.

9:30 p.m.
A call was received from the Fieldhouse to report that kids were playing in the Prather Coliseum parking lot. They were playing with water balloons.

10:05 p.m.
A complaint was received from a student whose motorized wheelchair was taken from in front of the library. It was found at Bienvenu Hall, but the battery was dead. An officer escorted the student back to her dorm.

3-22-04

8:24 p.m.
A student called to complain that there was someone outside at the Columns standing on the student's red Honda Prelude. The subject was gone when officers arrived and there was no damage to the vehicle.

8:55 p.m.
An elevator at Watson Library was stuck between the first and second floors. A repairman in Leesville was contacted, and students were out by 10:17 p.m. The problem resulted from the elevator being overloaded.

3-23-04

4:29 p.m.
A student called to report his tires being slashed in a parking lot by the Fine Arts building.

5:39 p.m.
The city called to advise that an ambulance was on its way to the track for a medical emergency.

8:51 p.m.
The manager of married student housing called to report that he had received reports of child abuse in one of the apartments.

9:45 p.m.
A Domino's delivery man came to report that his stolen pizza bag had been located.

3-24-04

9:24 a.m.
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Elizabeth Bolt

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are not really on the radar list for terrorists." He said that the group would be far from the populated areas and isolated.

Bodri recommends students who sign up buy flannel liners and really good boots.

"The trails are not really mud, but clay, and that will suck shoes right off of your feet," Bodri said

During the trip, participants will be required to watch birds at least one morning, attend one night hike and present an individual or group research project based on work done in Ecuador. The presentation of data is essential for a grade in the course.

Those interested must have a current passport and be up to date on their vaccinations. The trip is open to all students and anyone in the community interested in tropical biology.

"There is more than one shade of green in the world, and you'll see them all in the tropics," Bodri said

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University to announce first capital campaign

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

NSU is going public with its goals to raise nearly $19 million in the first capital campaign.

Started in July 2000 under the name "Brighter Tomorrow", this capital campaign has been the first in the 120-year history of the school, said President Randall Webb.

Because the school has now earned about $12 million of their $18.84 million goal, the capital campaign has left what is referred to as the silent phase of the campaign. In the silent phase, the University looked to its biggest donors as it tried to raise about 50 to 60 percent of the needed funds.

During the silent phase of the campaign, the University.

"The silent phase is when you contact key donors and seek their support," Webb said.

After the silent phase, the University has to seek funding from the general public to reach its goal. During this time, the University has to find support from the surrounding community as well as small donations from whoever is willing to contribute money. The University has planned a luncheon on May 15 as part of the campaign's public exposure.

"I would be open to anyone contributing in any form. We can use it," said Joel Worley, dean of the business department. "Northwestern does not waste money."

Once NSU raises its campaign goal, the money will be distributed to its specific areas of interest. Some of the money has been set aside for things such as endowments of scholarships, professorships and chairs within departments; improving campus buildings; landscaping; and in some cases gifts to members of certain departments.

Chris Maggio, director of alumni affairs and development, said that the money from the capital campaign would be used mostly on the students. The ultimate goal of the campaign has been to help students.

"Everything done here in the long run is for and because of the students," Worley said.

Through endowed scholarships, professorships and chairs in departments, Worley said he believed the reputation of the University would improve. He explained that by having endowed scholarships the University could recruit merit scholars improving the standards for the types of students at the University. Endowed professorships and department chairs can bring better professors to the University. The money from these endowed positions can be used to pay for additional salaries or trips to conferences.

"If you get a reputation it builds on itself," Worley said.

Most of the $12 million has come in the form of endowed money. Traditionally, this money is placed the endowment in an interest-earning account. Once in the account, the interest would be distributed to specific areas. The original money would never be touched, ensuring either a scholarship or endowed professorship or chair would always exist — even if it does not always pay out.

"Endowed means we will never touch the principle," Maggio said.

About $500,000 of the money raised by the school has come in the form of "planned giving". People who include the University in their will or do not have cash to give often utilize planned giving. Such donations include property, homes and cars. The University could then either lease or sell these items for their value or even use them.

"The campaign is not to offset budget cuts, but with enough we can," Worley said.

Instead, the money would help smooth out differences in state funding that could occur during the year, Worley added. With enough endowments Worley said the University could ask the state to stop funding it. The more money raised the less the state will play in the funding of the University.

Bush campaign goes on offensive; regains footing

Courtesy KRT Campus

Escalating his counterattack on Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, President Bush this week will accuse the Massachusetts senator of creating a $1 trillion "tax gap" between the cost of his promises and the money available to pay for them.

Bush aides said Sunday that the gap between Kerry's $1.7 trillion in promised new spending and $700 billion in promised new taxes on the wealthy would force Kerry to either raise taxes on the middle class or abandon his promise to cut the federal budget deficit in half.

"Middle class families who hear Sen. Kerry say he's going to pay for his proposals by soaking the rich better get out their umbrellas," said Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman in a telephone interview previewing a Monday kickoff of the new campaign offensive.

The Kerry campaign did not respond to a request for comment. But Kerry in the past has denied any plan to raise taxes on the middle class and said he would flesh out details of his budget plans later.

The Bush campaign's critique of Kerry's 2004 budget proposals comes as Republicans enter the first week of spring newly confident that Bush has moved beyond a winter of missteps and sliding poll numbers and is again finding his political footing.

"They had a rough start. But they're getting into gear," said Dan Schnur, a Republican strategist in California.

After focusing largely on Kerry's national defense record in recent days, Bush's campaign in the coming week will focus on domestic issues, most notably those involving budget and taxes, jobs and the economy, Mehlman said.

Mehlman said Kerry has proposed 73 new federal programs and that there are cost estimates available for 28 of them from either the Kerry campaign, the Congressional Budget Office or news media accounts. He said the programs would cost $1.7 trillion over 10 years.

He also said that Kerry would raise $700 billion in new tax revenues at most. He said he reached that figure by combining Kerry's promised repeal of tax cuts for those making more than $200,000 a year, a Democratic proposal to restore some of the estate tax, and a proposal to raise corporate taxes.

Mehlman and other Bush aides said that Kerry could not possibly fulfill his promise to expand federal spending, raise taxes only on the wealthy, and cut the federal budget deficit in half.

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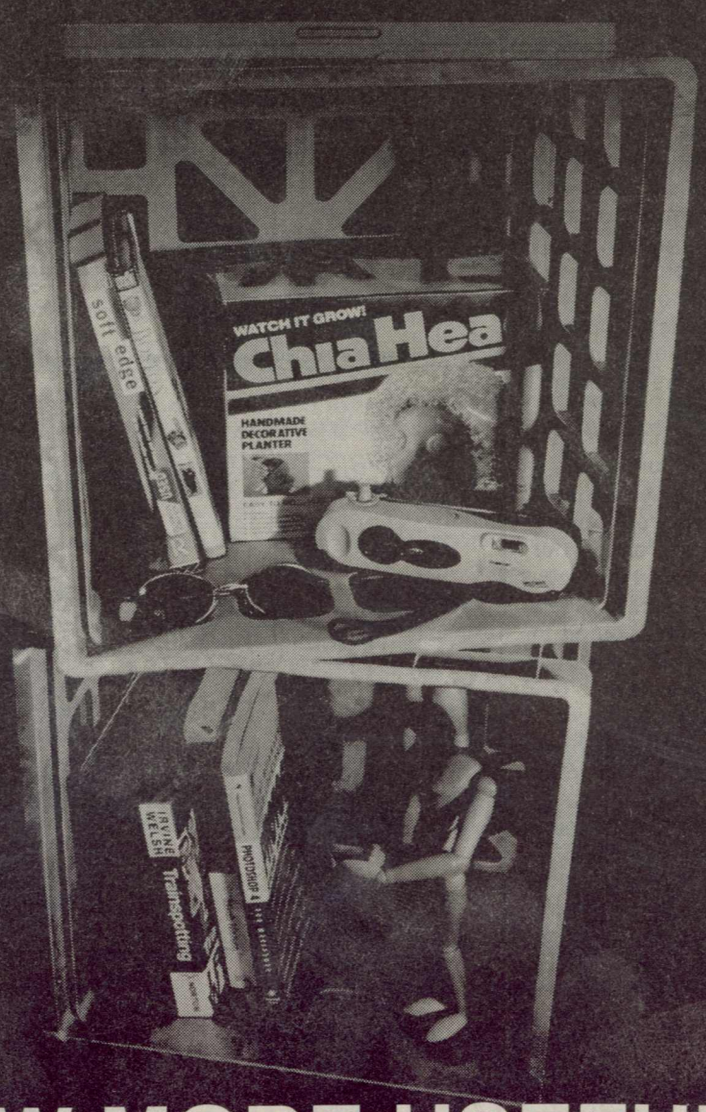
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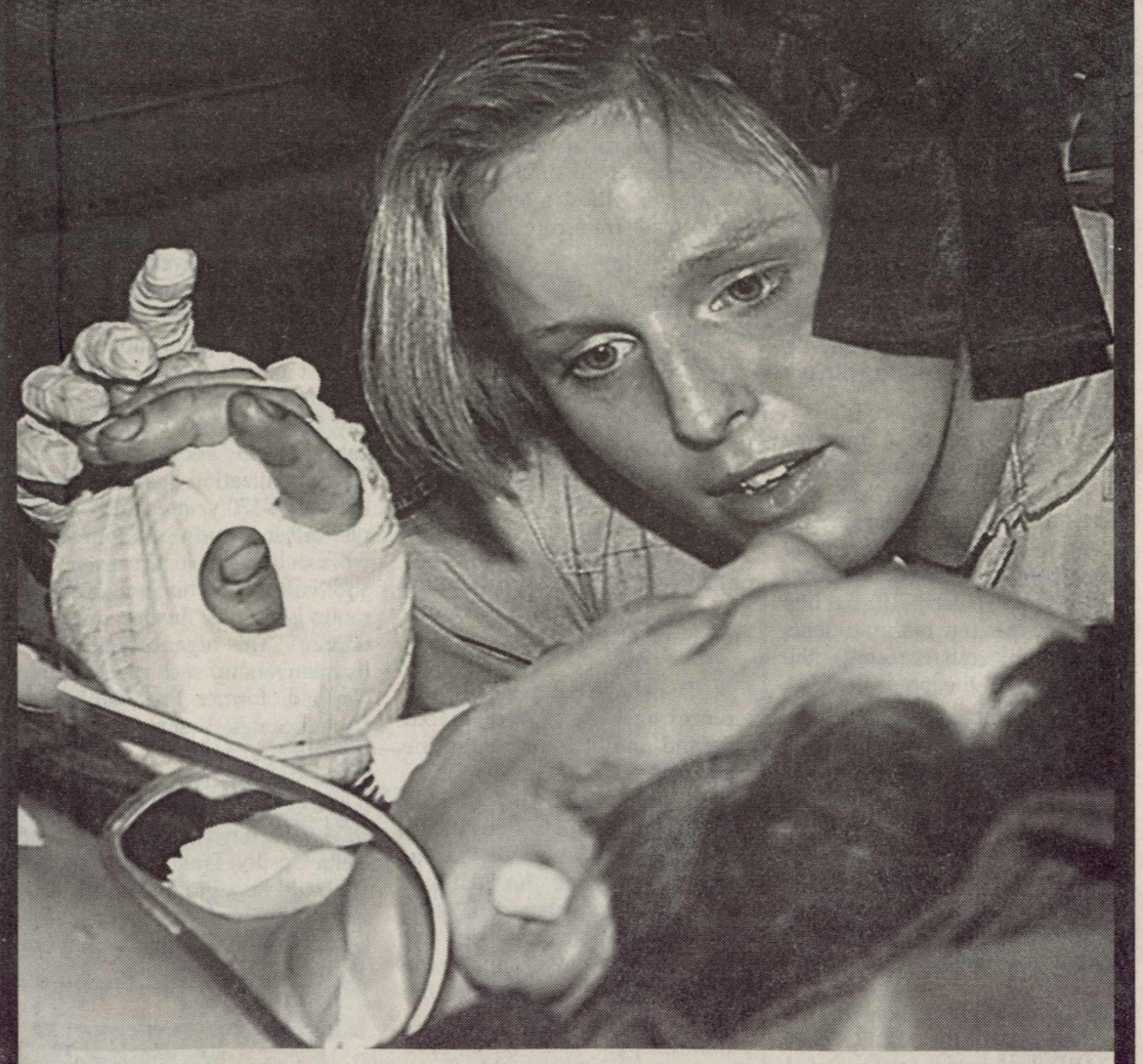


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Letters to the Editor

Student responds to McKaskle commentary

No, Anthony. The Baptists and the Catholics do not describe homosexuality as sin. The Bible does that. Just a little proofreading for ya. However, I agree wholeheartedly with your quote regarding hating the sin, not the sinner. It's an attitude that many a Christian (or anyone for that matter) would do well to adopt.

As for the hate mongering that ran so rampant on the Opinions page two weeks ago, I can only say that I haven't seen Scholars' College students so full of arrogance and hatred since I left LSC. I can't say I've missed it. Mike Arcement's interesting take on things was the only opinion that wasn't full of spite. I don't agree with it, but it's the only one you printed worth an ounce of respect. As for Mr. Billioux's contribution, I'll say it was par for the course. However, to call an opinion which does not coincide with your own, "not particularly forward-thinking", is in and of itself an ignorant thing to say. Traditional thinking does not always equal backwards thinking. Yes, at times it does. I would wager to say anyone who still thinks people should have ownership over others, or anyone who thinks women shouldn't vote would subscribe to a backward mentality. However, to call a person backward, merely because they have the ability to believe in something they cannot see(the very definition of faith), something bigger than themselves, is just foolish. Chris, you are right when you say that the paper should have shown more than one side of the issue. It could have been said without slinging insults at the people whose opinions were showcased. After all, it's not their fault that your opinion didn't get printed.

Mr. Vicknair took the hate even one step further in his submission. It seems that if you fail to agree with his take on gay marriages, Chad will label you as, "slack-jawed and backward". Interesting. Furthermore, I would really like to see just where you came up with the idea that the Bible contradicted the idea of a heliocentric universe, because I had a hard time finding it, and I checked three different translations. However, Chad, I did not have to look up the word. That remark was childish and reveals some serious issues that you have with people who are different than you. Funny, I thought that was a no-no for the left-wingers.

I suppose it was good to have written proof that the narrow-minded, arrogant, hate mongering faction of the left-wing liberals is alive and well on campus. Chris, keep this in mind while wishing Dustin Floyd on our campus: You ARE Dustin Floyd (in your approach); you're just on the other side of the argument.

Jenny Rhea
Graduate Student
Clinical Psychology

SGA Supreme Court Justice finds headline misleading

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the SGA Supreme Court I would like to clear up a little misunderstanding that was presented in your paper in last week's publication. In front-page article entitled "Court Lowers Bar for Treasurer" (March 18) the title conveys a message to the students that I think misrepresents the intentions and the job of the SGA Court.

It is not the duty of any judicial body, no matter how small, to change anything. It is only the job to hear and interpret any matter brought before that body. In this instance it was the decision of the Election Board, another SGA body, which was called into question in regard to its (SGA) constitutionality.

By a matter of a vote it was decided that the ELECTION BOARD had in no way violated the by-laws of the SGA Constitution. The court itself did not lower any bars. It STILL stands that a student must have completed two accounting classes with a "C" or better in order to be eligible for the Treasurer position.

In addition to which it is my own personal opinion that that Election Board did not lower any bars either. No one said that high school courses could count. The opinion was simply that the by-laws do not hold applicants to only NSU Accounting Courses. It is now up to the discretion of the Election Board to determine what will and will not be permitted.

For all of you who thing my argument is petty, I hope you can reflect on where I am coming from. For those students who do not follow the SGA very closely, these are hard-working students who take time out of their own personal lives to very important things. The $1.2 million STAT budget, the new Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center, and about a million University Committees that you or I don't even know about are just a few of the tasks entrusted to students elected by students. If these elected students do not do their jobs, this University would quite simply not function.

And just because you have not run in an SGA election, does not mean that no one cares about your opinion. Every full time undergraduate student is a member of the SGA. Senate meetings are every Monday night in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. Department and Committee meetings are listed in the SGA office in Room 222 of the Student Union, where you can also get FREE SCANTRONS.

I hope everyone hit the polls with anticipation and I hope everyone voted for the Student Drama Fee Increase. Those are about the only students that work harder than the SGA.

Kristin Huben
Associate Justice, SGA
Supreme Court

Fraternity members defend their fraternity

Fellow Students,

Recently, it has been brought to our attention that flyers denouncing our fraternity, Delta Upsilon, have been posted around campus. The antagonists that have been placing these flyers around campus have called on the other fraternities, but only the traditionally white fraternities, to "come together against a common enemy that threatens the very decency and integrity of this university." The flyers state that Delta Upsilon is "solely responsible for the negative stereotypes that we (the other fraternities) fought not to project." In response to these flyers, we feel that it is appropriate to come forth to answer some of the negative comments in the flyers.

1. "They are not even a real fraternity."

Delta Upsilon was founded in 1834 on the idea off non-secrecy. We pride ourselves on the fact that none of our rituals are secret and they are open to public scrutiny. We are the oldest internationally recognized fraternity on NSU's campus.

2. "They are solely responsible for the negative stereotypes that we fought not to project."

When we speak to people about fraternities in general, they state their doubts about fraternity values. We speak to them about Delta Upsilon and about our openness with our principles, values, and goals. We have no secret greetings or handshakes. We, as a fraternity, do not condone an "Animal House" mentality.

3. "They have not made one difference since they were placed here and do not contribute to the community or the school."

Since our inception here at NSU in 2000 as a Delta Upsilon colony, our members have served the students as leaders in the SAB and SGA. We currently have three senators on the SGA, more than any other fraternity. We have made countless efforts to support the Boys and Girls Club, our national philanthropy. We have held Thanksgiving Dinners at area nursing homes. We have supported "Blooming on the Bricks". We have also participated in March of Dimes, as well as other acts of public service.

4. Delta Upsilon "force[s] their ways on everyone."

At no time has Delta Upsilon forced others to accept our way of doing things. In recruiting for our fraternity, we follow the idea that "you never know if someone is interested until you ask them." We are not forcible in our method of recruiting. We will ask young men if they are interested. If they say they are not we then leave them alone.

There are other accusations in other flyers, but answering them all would take pages and pages of newspaper. Anyone interested in finding out more about our principles and ideals can either visit our website www.deltau.org or approach one of our members. If anyone has any questions or comments they may email us at dunsuexec@hotmail.com.

Jack Halford
Parliamentarian
Delta Upsilon Fraternity

Matthew Bartley
President
Delta Upsilon Fraternity

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently on the NSU campus, there have been several flyers either posted or handed out that attempt to tarnish the name and reputation of a student organization. While I am not an alumnus of NSU, nor am I directly affiliated with the university, I am a member of this organization from another university. This organization has been around for nearly 170 years, and its principles are summed up in four simple words: character, justice, friendship, and culture. This organization's motto is simple: "Justice, our Foundation." This organization hails in its membership such men as James Garfield, former President of the United States; Lester Pearson, former Prime Minister of Canada; Linus Pauling, two-time winner of the Nobel Prize; and Michael Eisner, CEO of Disney. This organization is Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

I could begin to defend the accusations that have been made against Delta Upsilon, but that would only serve to give unwarranted merit to the unfounded claims that were made against us. In my opinion, our track record as an organization speaks for itself. We are the only international, non-secret fraternity in existence. In fact, we spell out everything that we stand for on our website (www.deltau.org). We also invite our family members, friends, school officials, and community leaders to our initiation ceremonies so that they can see firsthand the type of organization that we are joining. Why do other such organizations not make their principles, traditions, and initiation ceremonies public knowledge? Maybe because if their ideals were well known, they might actually be held accountable for reaching such lofty goals.

The other part of our organization that many may not know about is our commitment to philanthropies and community service. We are national sponsors of the Boys & Girls Clubs, and we partner with many civic and community leaders by volunteering our time to this great cause, not only in Louisiana, but all across the United States and Canada. We are firm believers in the edict that you should leave this world better than when you arrived here, and this is just one of many ways that we can make a difference on our college campuses, in our communities, and more importantly in the lives of others.

I would encourage anyone who has a question about our organization to find out for yourself what we really stand for. Look at our organization's website or ask one of our members why he feels that Delta Upsilon has made a positive difference in his life. I thank you all in advance for making up your own mind in matters such as this.

Phillip Rice
Alumni Province Governor
Delta Upsilon International Fraternity

Columns

FILLER

Misconceptions About My Place In The Universe



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I usually prefer to use my e-mail account to reply to my readers instead of my actual column, but the number of responses I've received to last week's column and the common misconception contained in so very many of them have led me to use this week's column to explain something to all of you: I am not a journalist.

Oh, sure, I'm bound by the rules of libel and "decency," but when you get down to it, I write an opinion column. I'm not here to present all sides, or be unbiased, or even inform my readers of what's going on; anyone can turn on the news or search the internet for the information I bring you when I write about the big wide world. I'm here to speak my mind, and anyone who thinks that constitutes "poor journalism" misunderstands the reason I write this column in the first place.

I said a lot of mean, rude things about Dustin Floyd (all of which are completely true), and I've been chastised by several of you (from both sides) for so attacking him. Many have pointed out that I may well be doing harm to Mindy McConnell's cause by publishing such a tirade, and I'd point out in response that I don't represent Mindy or her campaign; I represent me.

So, Constant Reader, in the future please keep this in mind: I don't write this column to tell you how things are, I write it to tell you how I think they ought to be. I'm not a journalist, I'm just loud, opinionated, and verbose enough to warrant my own screaming space.

Hey, congratulations to Mindy and Zach! By the time you read this, they should have won already! It's the same old story at SauceFiller@hotmail.com.

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A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

Different, but equal



By Shantel M. Wempren

All men are created equal, and therefore there is no such thing as separate but equal (especially since the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional). Yet it still exists today in a manner of speaking.

Ask yourself a question: Do I believe in civil unions but not gay marriage? The root of marriage may have been Biblical. However, marriages must be certified by the state and I remind you that there is a separation between church and state. Often what God says and what the state of California says are two completely different things, different but equal by today's standards.

The other day I was in class, as usual, and a presentation was given on gay issues. While it was meant to open my eyes, it thoroughly offended me — not because the topic was homosexuality, but because it made me realize how closed-minded people are about the subject. Thanks, my classmates, for reminding me how naïve people really are.

Homosexuality is not a disease. It is not a fad. It is not necessarily a choice. It is a way of life for many people. It is not going away any time soon. Fighting gay marriage is like fighting against civil rights or fighting against freedom and equality for women. It always seems to be the same people fighting; but what are we fighting against? Are we fighting to keep certain people from being happy? Are we fighting to save face? What the hell are we fighting for?

This is America. It's supposed to be the land of the free. So why not boast our freedom by submitting to the fact that some people prefer to date within their own gender?

Perhaps you should speak on this issue. By that I do not mean that you should tear down a building or build a wall — fix a parking lot or two, maybe — but no, if you are gay then perhaps you should show some pride. Wear your colors. Educate the public. Write a letter or two to the newspaper. The world is going to change, but you have to fight for that change. Anything can be done with just a little effort. But you have to choose your battles. Ask yourself: is this a battle worth fighting for? Is the happiness of yourself or someone you know or love or someone that you have never met before worth fighting for?

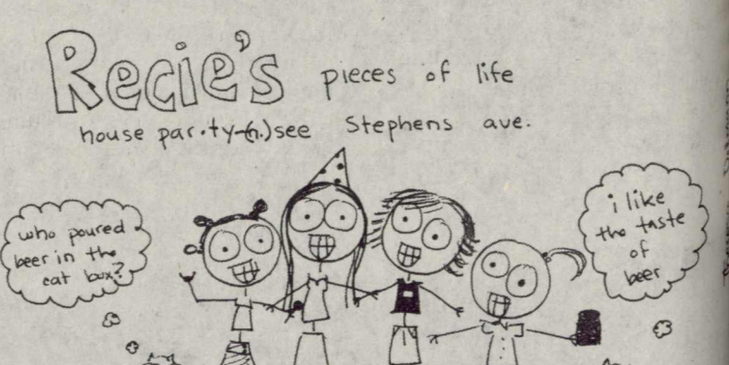
I say its time to quit being so naïve and just accept the facts of life and move on. If you don't agree with me, speak up. If you do, scream it loud.

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POP Culture
DEZMOND MEEKS

Meeks and band rock the Old Pub

By Christal Navarre
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It was 9:30 Friday evening, and I was sitting at the bar of the Old Fort Pub with friends when Dezmond Meeks began a series of chords and three guys started to sing a horribly off-key version of "Swing Swing" by the All American Rejects.

I cringed as I anticipated a painful evening. But to my pleasant surprise, Meeks was just being nice and playing for them. After some other song, Meeks and his band mates took the stage for the real entertainment.

Meeks's band, formerly known as Krave but no longer going by a band name, are fun to listen to and fantastic to see live.

Though at times Dezmond is more like a one-man-show, he, drummer Judson "Jay" Moore and saxophonist Stephen Poole light up the stage and work the crowd like professionals.

Moore's drumming rivaled some of the best. He doesn't just play the drums; he makes love to them.

After the first song, "Funny Thing," Poole relaxed and really got into his playing. Poole can really blow, and his jazzy-bluesy style adds a uniqueness that enhances Meeks's songs.

Dezmond's general style is reminiscent of Maroon 5 combined with Prince. Most of the songs sung that night were written by Meeks.

My favorite song of the night was Meeks's "Staying Power," it was a powerful song with a great backbeat.

Dezmond's CD will be out for sale on May 10 and can be purchased at Sam Goody and Wal-Mart. His band's first single is "What Can I Say.".

If Meeks and his band are playing in Natchitoches anytime soon, I would highly recommend heading out to see them.

The art of gaming 1: *Choose your deck*

By Elizabeth Bolt
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What do the Arcbound Ravager, Morphling, and Abyss have in common?

They're all magic...Magic cards, that is.

These cards, along with others such as the Circle of Protection and Birds of Paradise, are just a few of the more than 9,000 cards to collect playing Magic: The Gathering.

Magic has been around for about 10 years. Dave Stabley, owner of the gaming store Game Fu, said Magic is the grandfather of collectible card games. Stabley said it is a card game where chess meets poker.

"The more you play, the more you learn Magic is a unique game," Stabley said.

Players continuously collect and trade cards to build their decks. The goal is to try to out-strategize and bluff opponents at the same time.

Stabley says players try to envision themselves and their opponents as wizards trying to out-spell one another.

"We have a nickname for the game, Cardboard Crack, because that's what it is," Stabley said. "It's a very addictive game."

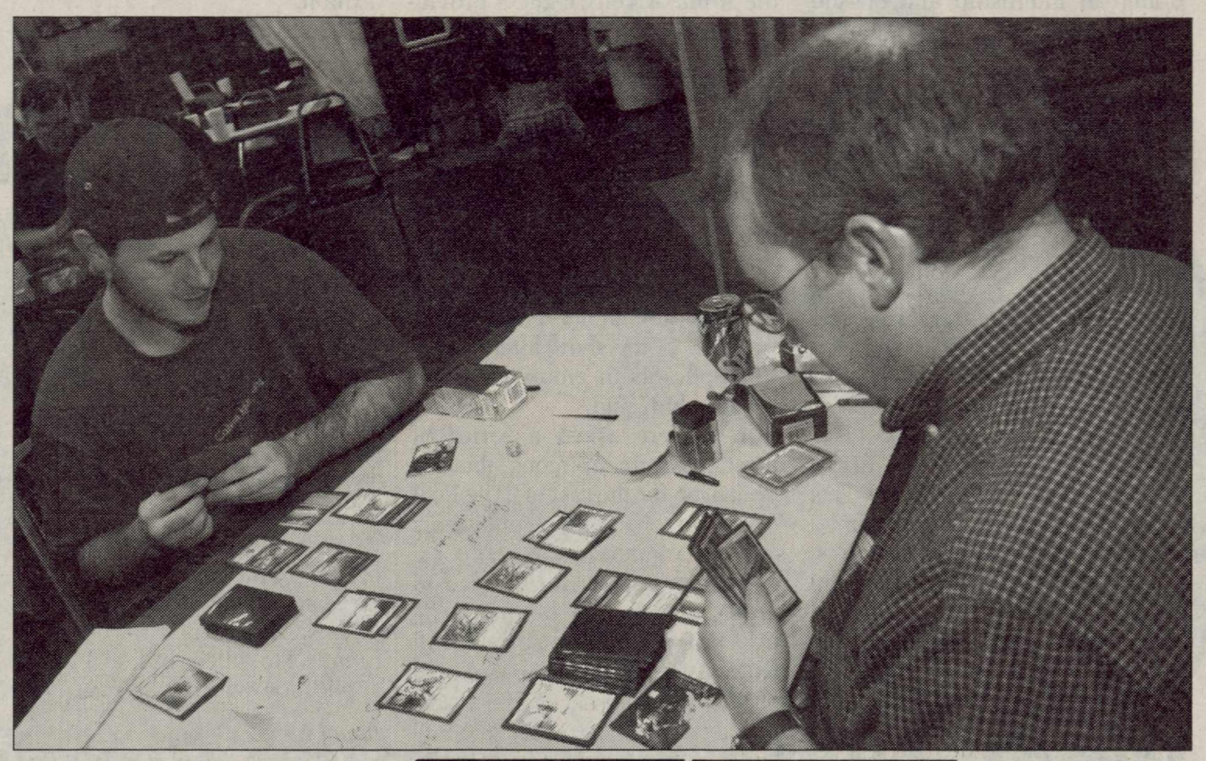
Stabley said it has become hugely popular and appeals to people of all ages. People ranging from age eight to 70 come in and buy cards.

Right now, a very rare card called The Black Lotus goes for about $1,200.

Stabley said Game Fu gets about 50 people a week for their Friday night Magic games. The crowd has grown so much that they are looking for a new location.

A Magic tournament was held at Game Fu on March 13. Stabley said this tournament was a big deal because it was the first ever DCI-sanctioned Magic tournament in Natchitoches. DCI, which stands for Duelist Convocation International, is the international governing body of the rules of Magic.

Thirty-one participants came from Alexandria, Natchitoches and Shreveport. About ten of the participants were NSU students.







Photos by Chris Reich/ the Current Sauce

Top: From left, Marshall "Levi" Eldridge, a senior general studies major, plays Magic with Natchitoches resident Greg Giering.

Left: Two cards from the game Magic: the Gathering.

Chris Gregory and Nick Cortez, both NSU students, won the tournament. Gregory won the Swiss Rounds, and Cortez won Top 8.

Levi Eldridge, a senior general studies major, started playing Magic when he was about 15 years old. He has as many as 7,000 cards and plays everyday, preferably with control decks.

"It's a very mentally challenging game," Eldridge said. "You just have to play it to experience it."

He finished third in the tournament and is currently trying to make it on the pro tour.

"There's value in it. If you get serious enough about it, you can make a career out of it," Eldridge said.

Just about everyone he hangs out with in Natchitoches he met by playing Magic. Eldridge and about eight to 10 of his friends have played together for a long time.

"I would have never met my closest friends now if it weren't for Magic," Eldridge said. "It definitely builds friendships."

Shannon Troquille, a sophomore accounting and business administration double major, was introduced to Magic through a friend and has been playing since Dec.. 2003.

Troquille said she has collected about 1,500 cards since December and prefers to play haste decks or the green life game. She plays as often as she can, which is usually at least once a day.

"It's highly addictive if you like playing card games," Troquille said.

Magic has provided her with a kind of stress release. When she needs to calm down, she organizes her cards.

Her most interesting experience with Magic was when she played a girl who was playing with an unglued deck, which is a joke deck of cards meant to make players laugh.

Troquille has met tons of people through Magic.

"You find people with the same interest and hang out with them more," Troquille said.

Troquille said Magic is primarily a guy's arena, but there are a handful of girls who play, and they are always looking for more girls to play.

Textbooks needed for Baghdad

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Northwestern State University students have the opportunity to do something special for Iraqi students by donating their textbooks to a book fund.

From March 22 to May 28, students can donate their books to The Books for Baghdad Committee.

According to a pamphlet provided by local member of The Books for Baghdad Committee Greg Granger, NSU alumnus Lt. Brian Hunsaker, stationed in Baghdad, Iraq, is concerned with providing textbooks for Iraqi students. Hunsaker mailed a letter to NSU President Randall Webb, stating that Hunsaker is going to help Mosa J. Al-Mosawe, president of Baghdad University, rebuild academic institutions that were bombed during the War in Iraq.

The pamphlet also stated that to help Baghdad in the process of attaining books for the universities, NSU Director of the School of Social Sciences Kathleen Byrd and other committee members have established The Books for Baghdad Committee. The committee is designed to revitalize three university libraries that were bombed during the Iraq War.

"I support The Books for Baghdad Committee," Webb said in an e-mail interview. "Since one of our alumnus is an officer in the Iraq War, the book fund will show Hunsaker and Mosawe that we support them and their efforts to rebuild the universities."

NSU and the Natchitoches Parish Library have decided to help the committee with their book fund.

Granger, also coordinator of social sciences, said he hopes that NSU students will participate in the book drive.

"I hope that students will not sell all their text books back," Granger said. "Instead, they can become valued participants in the reconstruction of Iraq's educational programs."

Students can drop off their text books at various locations on campus, such as: The Department of Social Sciences at 301 Kyser Hall, James A. Noe Military Science Building and Watson Library.

If students are off campus, they can stop by the Natchitoches Parish Library to donate their books.

"We are glad to help NSU in their efforts to make the Books for Baghdad project a success," Natchitoches Parish Library Community Outreach Coordinator Kaleb Breaux said. "Education is important and everyone has a right to receive it."

NSU's ROTC will store the textbooks, and the soldiers at the Ft. Polk Army Base will then ship the books to Baghdad.

All textbook donations are tax deductible. Faculty can donate textbooks also, but they cannot be books purchased by NSU.

"Everyone will get a receipt for tax purposes," Granger said. "The receipt will show your name and how many books that you donate, and it is up to the individual to determine how much the textbooks are worth when they file their taxes."

Monetary contributions can be made to the NSU Foundation.

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill

9 Essentials for the Bachelor Pad

Ok people, I need to vent. It seems as though the typical college guy doesn't really know what the essentials are for his apartment.

Frankly, it's a shame—it gives you guys a bad name. So I've come up with a solution. I'm going to mention a few things that are fundamental in the residence of a college male (and you don't need much moolah either!).

These tips will show anyone who pays a quick visit to your bachelor pad that you've got style, even if you are on a budget.

1: Something scented: to mask the odor of sweaty socks left lying around and that gallon of milk left in the fridge since November.

Every room in the house should have something to leave the air fresh and smelling clean. Some of the best products are Yankee, Co. scented candles, OUST Air Freshener and classic potpourri.

The fragrances you use are totally your choice, but your house needs to smell welcoming to yourself as well as your guests.

2: Purified water, because not everyone is accostumed to tinted, pungent drinking water.

Knowingly, you are not at fault when it comes to the stench and discoloration of the local water, but you can prevent your guests and yourself from suffering with every gulp.

Always keep a gallon (or mini bottles) of purified water—preferably with fluoride.

Your guests will appreciate the fact that you thought of their reactions before handing them a glass of refreshment that looks like a painter's brush-rinsing cup.

3: Two big fluffy towels for simple luxury.

You and any guests can feel treated to lavishness and comfort with the soft fluffiness of new towels every time you shower.

Some companies like Tommy Hilfiger Home, Ralph Lauren Home and Banana Republic Home have some really sumptuous but reasonably priced items.

4: One vintage piece of art, because you need to think outside the box.

Modern art is interesting, but vintage art is both classic and classy. Invite a few people over for drinks and just wait for the compliments to pour out.

5: Five Great Books: Always keep copy of such classics as *Catcher in the Rye*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, and anything by Charles Dickens and Mark Twain.

You need a few simple things, like books, in your bachelor pad to stir up your brains cells, keep you focused and stimulate your imagination.

Even if you don't read them, you can still look like you've got style and intelligence with these around.

6: Something that lives: dog, cat, plant, sea monkey.

People — women especially — don't care what you've got, as long as it proves you can commit to keeping something alive for longer than four days.

7: Framed pictures of family and friends: because you need to be reminded of what truly matters in life once in a while.

8: One piece of wacky, tacky kitsch.

In other words, something weird, like a chrome bust of Elvis in the hallway.

You can be classy and sophisticated, but don't forget that life is fun and can even get a little tacky sometimes.

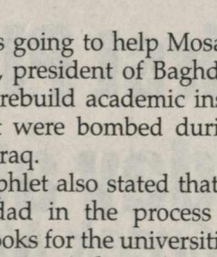
9: Fine bedding: because your bed not only needs to look inviting, it needs to feel inviting.

Make sure you have a set of sheets with at least a 250 thread-count and a down comforter.

When you are entertaining company or resting after a long day of classes or work, your bed needs to look and feel luxurious and comfortable, and may even be your safe haven from the real world.

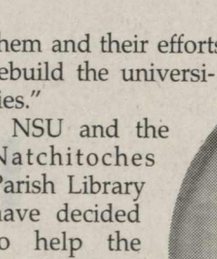
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What game are you addicted to?



T-Bo Hampton
Freshman
Theater

"Regular Nintendo games like Double Dribble."



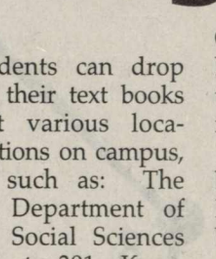
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"I play jambat bowling on my cell phone to pass time and when I'm bored."



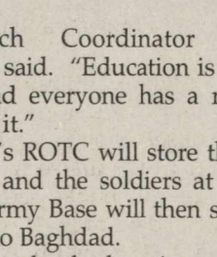
Elton D. Ramey
Freshman
Comp. Info. Sys.

"I play Magic for fun."



Joseph Brakhage
Senior
Comp. Info. Sys.

"Roleplaying games like D&D and GURPS. They're good for my imagination."



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Student art exhibit ends Friday

By Jimmy Brown
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A Northwestern student got a bit graphic during an art exhibit based on clogging.

For her senior art exhibit 4030 class, Tobi Guedry, a senior graphic communications major, presents "Cloggin on the Cane." In order to pass the class, students have to present an art exhibit, Guedry said.

The exhibit takes the place of doing an internship and should reflect something the student is most interested in, Guedry said.

Guedry, who has been clogging for seven years, decided she would present an exhibit featuring aspects of the dance.

The exhibit, which began Monday evening, features graphic-designed CD covers, posters, magazine covers and spreads, a t-shirt and photographs that regard clogging.

Guedry designed the graphic on the t-shirt for the clogging team she participates in, the Amite River Cloggers.

On the exhibit's opening night, the Amite River Cloggers provided live entertainment for viewers. The group gave 10 performances.

Guedry decided to invite her teammates to perform as a tribute to their late clogging instructor.

Guedry said that the Monday's performance was one of the last performances the group made together and she wanted them to "go out with a bang!"

Guedry said she and her teammates are from the Baton Rouge area. The team has no affiliation with NSU.

While her teammates performed, Guedry received comments from viewers about the exhibit.

Guedry said she wanted viewers to have a different perspective when the word 'clogging' comes to mind after attending the exhibit.



"I would like them to gain more knowledge about clogging. A lot of people see it as just a big hick dance," Guedry said. "I want them to see it as contemporary, but at the same time, very traditional."

Wenrick Bogan, a sophomore sports medicine major, said he enjoyed the live performances and the event broadened his perspective on clogging.

Zach Cook, a freshman radiologic technology major, said he enjoyed the graphic designs the most and the exhibit was nearly flawless.

Guedry said all the artwork is for sale. The prices range from $10- $30.

"Clogging on the Cane" will continue until tomorrow afternoon, Guedry said.

Admission is free.

Jamshidi is ready for 'The Real World'

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MTV's "The Real World" chooses seven cast members each season.

Freshman nursing major Brandon Jamshidi decided the "The Real World" was perfect for him.

Jamshidi flew to Los Angeles alone in early January for the first step of the process.

He said he arrived at the interviewing spot around 2 a.m.—interviews began at 10 a.m. on Jan. 11.

Jamshidi was the first of about 800 applicants in line. An assistant producer of the show interviewed the applicants in groups of about ten, Jamshidi said.

They were asked a series of questions from opinions about a typical job for the cast of "The Real World" to whether the contestants smoke marijuana.

"The whole reason I decided to apply was not to be famous," Jamshidi said. "I just want to express myself, and I would be perfect for it.

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>
> **Brandon Jamshidi**
> Freshman Nursing major

The show would allow me to open up and express myself, and they can't do anything about it."

Jamshidi returned for a second round. He filled out a 15-page application which took him about two hours.

He sent a five to 10 minute video about himself to the producers the next week.

He said he has not received a call for the third round, but he is not discouraged.

"I have like five more times to try out," Jamshidi said. "I will try out every time. I also look forward to seeing who made the cast."

"The Real World" was scheduled to start taping in Philadelphia in April.

Three weeks before the filming began, the producers of the show decided to not shoot season 15 in Philly, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer.

This decision resulted from a disagreement with Philadelphia labor unions.

Through many discussions with the mayor of the city and Bunim-Murray, the production company of "The Real World," the two agreed to shoot the show in Philly.

The show is still scheduled to begin shooting in April, according to KYW NewsRadio in Philadelphia.

Wodnicki to perform on Sunday at Northwestern

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Internationally acclaimed Polish-born pianist Adam Wodnicki will be performing as a part of the Louisiana Piano Soloists International series this Sunday.

Wodnicki has received wide acclaim for his vibrant style as a pianist. He is a specialist in playing 20th century Russian music.

Some of his most notable works that have received rave reviews include releases of cello and piano sonatas by composers such as Robert Muczynski, David Dzubay and Dmitri Shostakovich featuring cellist Carter Enyeart.

Wodnicki has performed throughout North America, Europe and the Far East. He has been a professor of piano at the University of North Texas since 1980, and frequently participates in workshops for students and teachers.

"He is a fantastic artist, fantastic pianist," said assistant professor and coordinator of keyboard at Northwestern State University Nikita Fitenko.

The NSU Jazz Orchestra will be performing this Friday. Assistant professor of music Galindo Rodriguez said the performance will be based on Latin jazz and salsa.

"A number of students, especially those in Fine Arts have asked me when I'm going to put out a Latin jazz band," Rodriguez said. "So, I commissioned three pieces, and I chose two of them for this concert, so these will be premieres.

One of the pieces is entitled Mexico City Life, and another is called Clarita."

Both Clarita and Mexico City Life were written by composer, trumpeter and band leader Joe d'Etienne of Dallas.

"Along with this, I believe it is important for student ensembles to perform musical commissions," Rodriguez said.

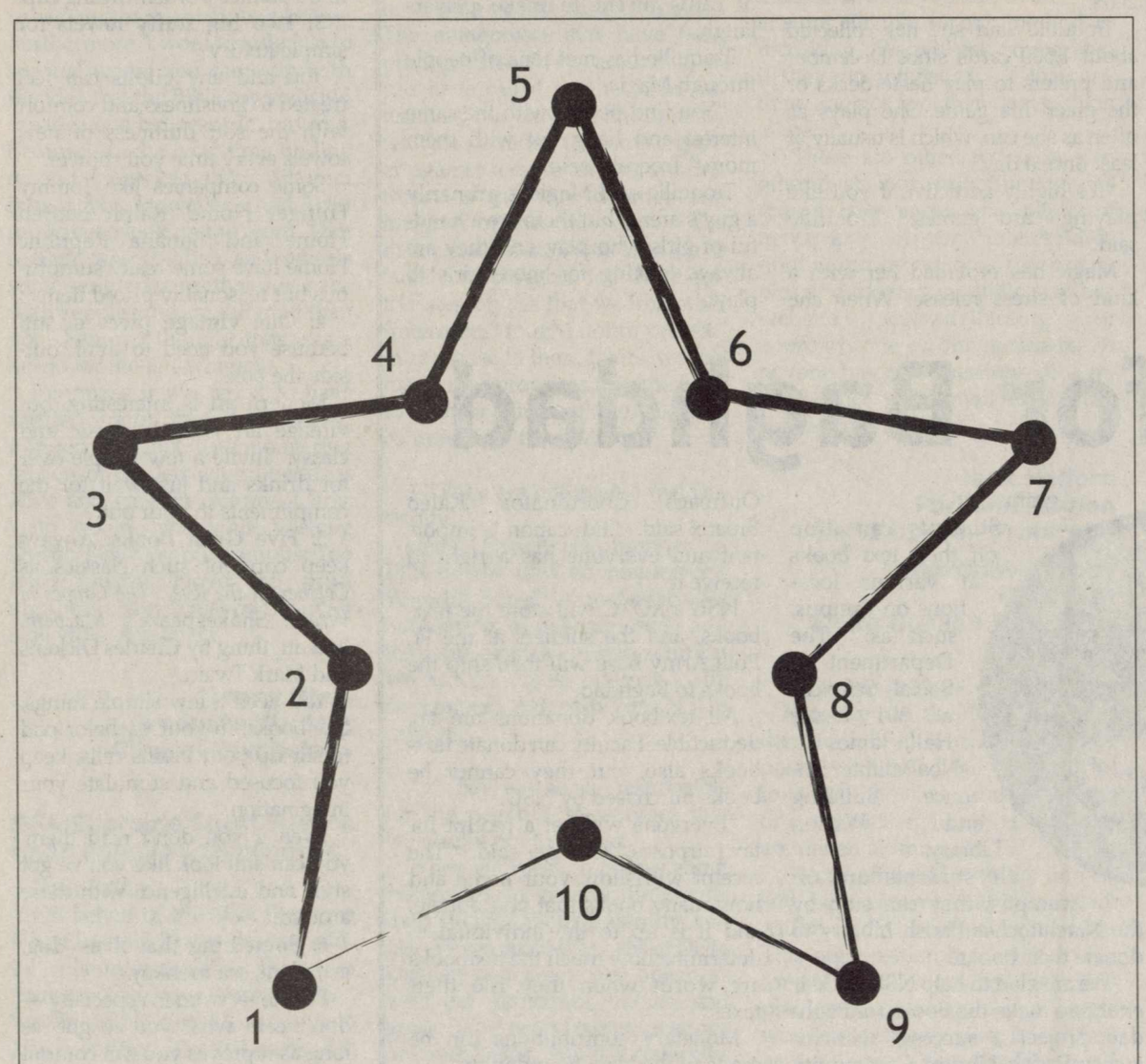
Rodriguez explained that musical commissions are new pieces.

"What you are going to hear are brand new pieces specifically arranged for the jazz orchestra," Rodriguez said.

According to Rodriguez, the following soloists will perform at the jazz ensemble: Alto saxophonist Marcus Barber, tenor saxophonist Matt Hooker, trumpeters John Chappell, Joel Adair, and Danielle Gourgues, trombonists Alan Sypert and Cliffton Walker and pianist James Ahmad.

Adam Wodnicki's performance will be held Sunday at the Magale Recital Hall from noon to 2 p.m. There is an admission fee of $10 to the public for this performance.

The Latin Jazz Festival will be held Friday at the Magale Recital at 7:30 p.m. NSU students are admitted free to both performances with a current student ID.



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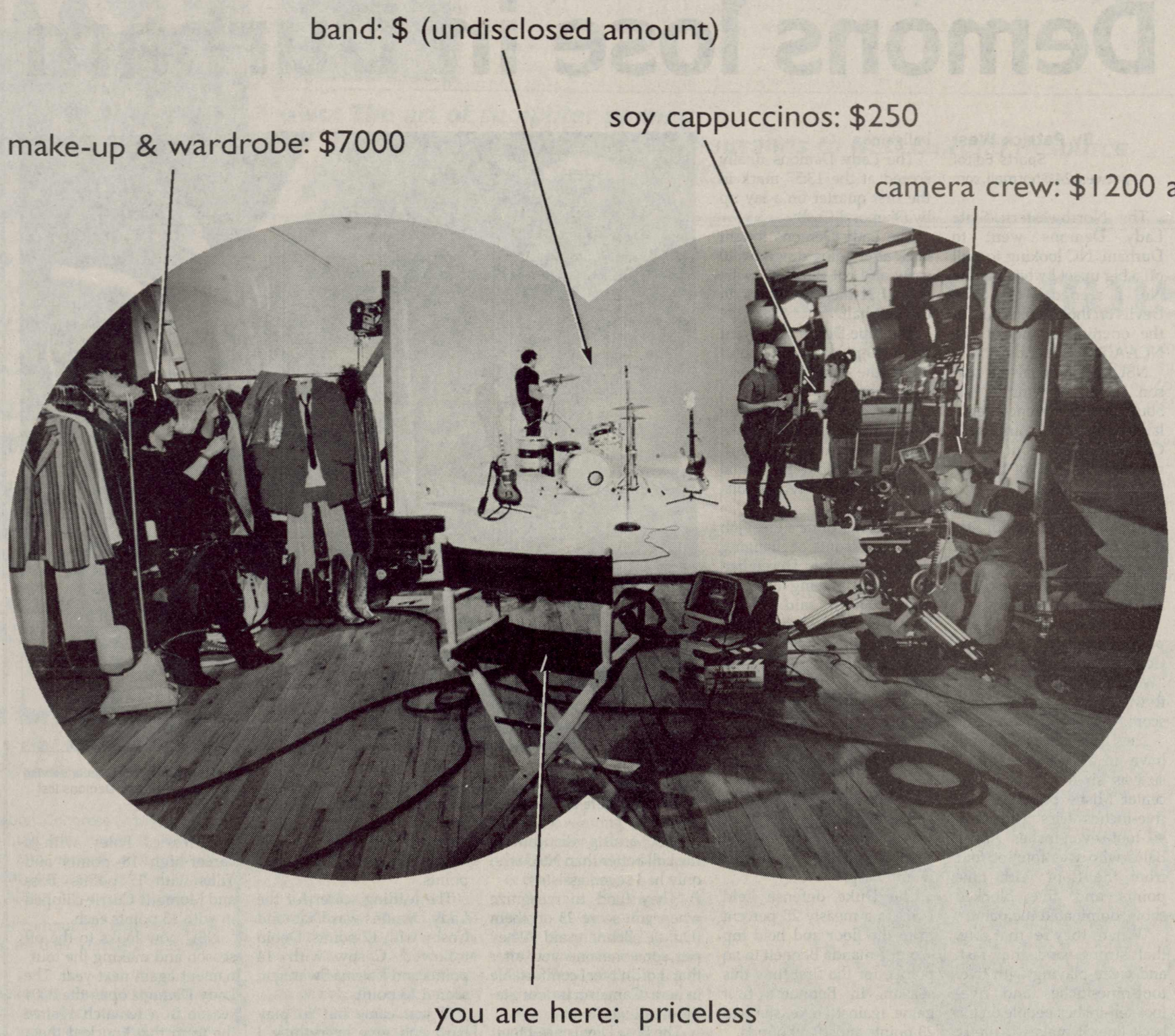
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The Way I See It

NCAA Tourney

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I would like to start off by saying congratulations to the NSU Lady Demon basketball team on a fabulous season and making the NCAA Tournament.

I would also like to thank the fans, cheerleaders, Vic and the Pep Band for making the trip and cheering the Lady Demons on.

Yes, we did lose to the top ranked Duke Blue Devils, but the Lady Demons played hard and tried to pull off the upset.

But come on, Duke was just too big and too athletic for us to beat them. It still was great to see NSU on ESPN and not just ESPN2.

The one thing that upset me was to come back from Durham, NC only to find out some of the students here did not even tune into the ballgame. I heard two reasons.

One, it was girls playing, which is bias and makes the person look dumb.

Second, well it was on Sunday and it was a pretty day. Yes, I know it was a beautiful day, but the game was broadcast on the radio, so there is no excuse why a student should have missed the game.

This was huge not just for basketball, but for Northwestern State as well because the university was all over ESPN and up against a top ranked opponent.

But the main reason why students should have watched is because the Lady Demons played hard to get to that point in the season.

NSU had one of its best seasons and won its first tournament championship. Why couldn't students tune into one game and watch our girls' hard work payoff?

I will never understand NSU students and their lack of support the NSU athletic teams get.

The trip was amazing and my personal highlights include meeting Rebecca Lobo (former University of Connecticut player), standing on Coach K's court, just being in Cameron Indoor Stadium and seeing the Lady Demons play against Duke for the second time

Not to forget other sports, I would like to say congrats to the tennis team on winning their sixth straight and is now 6-1 in the Southland Conference.

The baseball and softball teams have been playing good. Make sure you head out to Brown Stroud Field and Demon Diamond to catch some baseball action.

Sophomore Second Baseman Brandon Morgan has been on a tear as of late with a 15-game hitting streak.

The Demons had a five-game winning streak snapped at Baylor Tuesday. The Demons play at home this weekend against Lamar in SLC action, so head out to the ballpark this weekend.

Also, catch the Joe Delaney Bowl on Saturday night for some spring football.

Demons lose in Durham

By Patrick West
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The Northwestern State Lady Demons went to Durham, NC looking to pull off a big upset by beating the No. 1 seeded Duke Blue Devils on their home court in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

NSU met its goals all season, including winning the Southland Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships, but could not meet its goal of beating top ranked Duke.

The Lady Demons played hard at Cameron Indoor Stadium but came up short as they were outsized and outplayed by the Blue Devils in a 103-51 loss on Sunday.

"Obviously, Duke is 52 points better than us," Head Coach James Smith said. "We played them twice, and it was almost the identical score."

The Lady Demons did not have an answer for Duke's size as six-foot-three-inches center Mistie Bass, six-foot-five-inches Iciss Tillis and six-foot-seven-inches Alison Bales who was four of four from the floor with nine points and five blocked shots, dominated the paint.

"When they're that big, that strong, and that fast, and we're playing with five-foot-nine-inches and five-foot-ten-inches people on the back line, it makes it pretty difficult," Smith said.

Duke ran out to an early 10-0 lead, as NSU could not get a shot to fall against the Blue Devils. NSU missed their first nine shots of the ballgame.

The Lady Demons finally scored at the 13:57 mark in the first quarter on a lay up by Diamond Cosby.

The Lady Demons fought back after being down by 10 early and cut the lead to six (17-11) at the 11:42 mark in the first half.

The Blue Devils then went on a 10-point run to shut down the short lived Lady Demon rally.

Duke used a stifling defense with different looks from man-to-man, zones and traps throughout the game that had the Lady Demons puzzled.

"Duke has done a great job in the last month of changing defenses. Back in December, they were playing a lot of man," Smith said. "Now they'll go to change a lot of defenses on you, and you have to be a pretty good point guard that can recognize what they do. They're hard to prepare for."

"It was pretty difficult. All I saw were numbers on jerseys; I didn't even see faces," senior point guard La'Terrica Dobin said. "You knew it was coming. I guess I wasn't as prepared as I thought I would be."

The Duke defense held NSU to a measly 28 percent from the floor and held top scorer Amanda Bennett to no points, for the first time this season. In Bennett's first game against Duke, she had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Duke also heavily outrebounded the Lady Demons by 25 as the Blue Devils finished with 55 total rebounds.

As a team, the Blue Devils had 30 assists, distributing the ball better than NSU who only had seven assists.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
La'Terrica Dobin drives to the basket against Duke center Alison Bales. Dobin and the Lady Demons lost against the top-ranked Blue Devils in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"They tend to recognize when you score 23 on them (Duke)," Bennett said. "They put someone one you after that. I didn't feel comfortable in here (Cameron Indoor Stadium) all weekend."

The Blue Devils used their size in the paint as they scored 44 points in the paint compared to the Lady Demon's 14.

Duke also got help from their bench players, who contributed 43 points, while NSU's bench only had seven points.

The leading scorer for the Lady Demons was Diamond Cosby with 17 points. Dobin followed Cosby with 14 points and Katrina Swanigan scored 13 points.

"I just came out to play hard and give everything I have to represent me, my teammates and Northwestern State basketball," Cosby said. "I just came out to play hard, and my shots fell."

Leading scorer for Duke was Jessica Foley with a career-high 18 points and Tillis with 17 points. Bass and Monique Currie chipped in with 13 points each.

NSU now looks to the off season and making the tournament again next year. The Lady Demons open the 2004 season in a rematch against the team that knocked them out of the NCAA Tournament.

NSU will travel back to Cameron Indoor Stadium to take on the Duke Blue Devils in the season opener.

Football prepares for season

By Joshua Barrios
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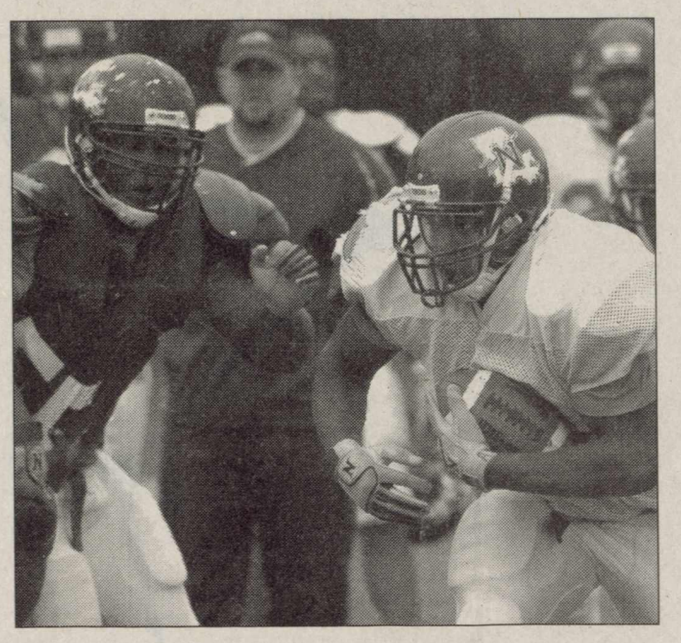
As the NSU Demon football team nears the end of its annual spring training, next season's football schedule has finally been released.

The University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Appalachian State and North Dakota State are among the list of 11 teams the Demons will face this fall.

The Demons open the 2004 season in Lafayette, LA as they play the Ragin' Cajuns. The last time the Demons faced the Ragin' Cajuns was in 2000 when they defeated the Cajuns 23-21 in the closing seconds of the game.

"I'm anxious to see how we do opening on the road," Head Coach Scott Stoker said.

The Demons will play two I-AA powerhouse teams this season. The Appalachian State Mountaineers will come to Turpin Stadium for the second home game of the season, and the Demons will travel to Fargo, North Dakota to face division I-AA newcomers, North Dakota State Bisons in late October.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
An NSU running back runs for yards during a spring scrimmage. Spring practice concludes Saturday night with the Joe Delaney Bowl.

The last time the Demons faced the Mountaineers was in a 31-20 Demon victory in the 1998 Division I-AA playoffs at Turpin Stadium.

The Bisons posted an 8-3 record in their last season in division II football.

The Bisons also defeated the University of Montana 25-24 last season, a team the Demons have never beaten.

Coming off a 1-4 record in the Southland Conference last season, next season may be interesting for the Demons.

The Demons will have an open week of rest and practice before kicking off conference play with the 2004 homecoming game against the McNeese State Cowboys.

"The open week in the middle of the season could definitely help us," Stoker said.

The Demons cap off the season in Nacogdoches, Texas as they play Stephen F. Austin.

NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke said the schedule took a while to be released because the Demons wanted to hold off on scheduling the September 18 game in hopes of breaking up three road games.

"Our patience paid off," Burke said. "Texas Southern came through, and Donnie Cox got the schedule and came through in a big way."

"Sometimes you have to wait to see if dates come open and we got lucky on a couple," Stoker said.

The Demons are gearing up for the 2004 season now as they continue on with spring training.

In the first spring scrimmage, red shirt freshman Connor Morel gave Davon Vinson tough competition for the starting quarterback position.

Morel completed 9 of 18 passes for two touchdowns and 117 yards. His longest touchdown of the scrimmage was a 48-yard pass to tight end Mark Morris.

Vinson completed 5 of 13 passes for one touchdown and 53 yards.

In the second spring scrimmage, Vinson picked up the pace as he threw 106 yards and two touchdowns on six passes.

Vinson's touchdowns were both 35-yard passes to Josh Mosby and Toby Zeigler.

The Purple Swarm defense showed they are ready for the season as they blocked two kicks during the scrimmage.

The Demon's annual Joe Delaney Bowl, which will cap off spring training, is set for Saturday at 6 p.m. at Turpin Stadium.

Baseball team loses; softball wins

Courtesy Sports Information
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NSU BB vs. Baylor

Baylor leadoff hitter Drew Sutton homered twice as the Bears built a four-run lead and then used a two-run Sutton double in the eighth inning to hold off Northwestern State 8-5 Tuesday night in college baseball.

Baylor (9-14), which just took 2-of-3 games from No. 17 Texas A&M over the weekend, snapped a five-game winning streak by Northwestern (12-9).

Northwestern was hampered by a season-worst five errors, three by third baseman Tigger Lyles, as only four of Baylor's eight runs were earned.

The Demons will resume Southland Conference play at home Friday night, starting a three-game series with defending SLC champ Lamar.

NSU vs. Grambling

Kiana Scott crushed a long two-run homer to break open the first game Tuesday evening as Northwestern State posted an 8-0, 15-0 sweep of visiting Grambling State in college softball.

The Demons (16-17) pushed across two runs in each of the next two innings, with Nicole Martin adding a two-run homer in the fourth inning to end the opening game on the eight-run mercy rule.

A 10-run fourth inning brought the mercy-rule into play in the nightcap. The Demons sent 14 hitters to the plate, getting a bases-clearing three-run double from Shay Hunt to ignite the eruption and Loni Rasberry capped it with a pinch-hit two-run single.

Northwestern cracked 18 hits in the twinbill, including three by Martin and Margaret Patterson. Rasberry (3-2) struck out 10 and fired a two-hitter in the first game. Morgan McMillin (1-0) struck out eight in four innings while scattering three hits in the nightcap.

The Demons play a Southland Conference series at Louisiana-Monroe this weekend, as NSU looks to extend its two-game win streak.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (16-17)

March 23, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Grambling

NSU 15 - GSU

	1	2	3	4	5	-	F	H	E
GSU	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	2
NSU	5	0	0	10	X	-	15	10	0

March 23, 2004
Northwestern State vs. GSU

NSU 8 - GSU 0

	1	2	3	4	5	-	F	H	E
GSU	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
NSU	0	1	3	2	2	-	8	8	2

Northwestern State vs. **Stephen F. Austin**

NSU 2 - SFA 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	3	1
SFA	1	0	0	0	0	3	X	-	4	5	1

Key Player:
Kiana Scott
Two-Run Home Run vs. GSU
senior outfielder

NSU Baseball (12-9)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Josh Boop
4 of 5 with a double & 3 RBIs vs. ULM
Senior outfielder

March 23, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Baylor** (9-14)

NSU 5 - **BU 8**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	-	5	5	5
BU	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	X	-	8	11	1

March 21, 2004
Northwestern State vs. University of Louisiana Monroe (10-12)

NSU 15 - ULM 11

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H
ULM	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	3	-	11	16
NSU	0	0	2	0	4	6	3	0	X	-	15	18

Northwestern State vs. ULM

NSU 11 - ULM 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
ULM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	2	2
NSU	2	3	3	0	2	0	1	-	11	14	1

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

TENNIS

Tennis team wins their sixth straight

The Northwestern St Lady Demon tennis te won their sixth straight Sunday, defeating Sou eastern Louisiana 4-3 Southland Confere play.

The Lady Demons, 1 10-3 overall and 6-1 league play, fell behind after losing two of three doubles action.

NSU rebounded in s gles action with wins Anneline Zerwick, Cat na Villegas, Alexan Nieto and Camila Prado take the match win.

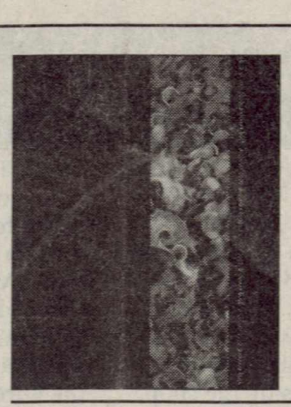
Northwestern w return to action Mar. when they host Sam Ho ton State at Jack Fis Complex. First serve i 10 a.m.

Also on Sat. is a base game at 2 p.m. and the Delaney Bowl at 7 p NSU is calling the all sporting event Super urday.

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CAMPUS POLICE ACTION:

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- ***ANOTHER COLUMNS BREAK-IN***

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NSU gets $250k for technology upgrades

NSU has received a federal grant to upgrade its technology on all its campuses.

The Department of Education Congressionally Appropriated Grant of almost $250,000 will be used to upgrade faculty desktop computers and expand and upgrade compressed video equipment, according to the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler.

"By upgrading the faculty's computers, that will allow them to prepare better for all their classes," Scheffler said.

"They'll also be able to take the kinds of things that students develop in student labs, which are way beyond what the faculty has, and use them in their office," Scheffler said. "It gives them the computing power necessary to conduct the kind of classes that they want to conduct and better communicate with students."

Not all faculty members will receive desktop computer upgrades. Scheffler said they will be provided for those in the most need.

"It won't replace everyone's, but then at the same time everyone's doesn't need to be replaced," he said.

The compressed video upgrades are primarily for the Shreveport campus. Scheffler said that it will expand and enhance Shreveport nursing courses, and the Natchitoches and Alexandria campuses will receive some upgrades as well.

The long process of proposing and finally receiving the grant took about a year.

"Several individuals submitted a proposal outlining some of the needs of the University," Scheffler said. "Dr. Webb and other individuals work through the representatives, particularly (U.S.) Rep. (Jim) McCrery, to try and facilitate the funding of the proposal."

Scheffler said that all grants proposed by the University in recent years have been related to technology.

Aaron Pizani

Yearbook to be distributed after spring break

The 2003-2004 issue of the Potpourri will be distributed to students April 12-16 in Kyser Room 108.

Potpourri adviser Mary Brocato said to receive a yearbook students must have been a full-time student and paid student fees during the Fall 2003 semester.

Distribution times have not yet been determined, but students should keep their eyes open for flyers in Kyser announcing specific distribution times.

The yearbook's title is "A Closer Look." It is 304 pages in full color.

Elaine Broussard

Campus Connections

•Phi Mu Fraternity will be holding "Phi Mu Bandstand" on April 15 from 4:30 to 10 p.m. on the downtown riverfront. Tickets are $5. Proceeds go Children's Miracle Network. Bands include: CSO, Kelvin, and Heart.

•KNWD is sponsoring Demon Fest--an all day concert April 17, 2 p.m.-till at the Front St. stage. Donations are accepted and all proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Arrest made in Columns thefts

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

University Police have arrested and charged an NSU student in connection with a rash of break-ins and robberies at the University Columns Apartments.

Detective Doug Prescott of the University Police said officers arrested Marlon D. Cadet last week. A series of thefts at the complex began during the Mardi Gras break and continued until last week when *the Current Sauce* reported two new incidents of burglary in the Columns. These included a car that was stripped of its tires and dashboard and theft from an apartment.

Prescott said Cadet "was an NSU student who was a resident of the complex... he is currently being held at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center pending additional charges. These charges are related to the burglaries which have occurred at the University Columns during Mardi Gras break and since that time."

According to the NSU News Bureau, Cadet is being charged with 17 counts of simple burglary, flight from an arresting officer, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a Drug Free Zone and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

Prescott acknowledged that more work is necessary to make the Columns safer, especially over the Easter break next week.

"We are trying to work with the Columns in making some recommendations to them. We've been in almost daily contact with them," Prescott said.

Despite these efforts to increase security at the complex, Columns residents continue to have mixed feelings regarding their safety. Bo, a freshman who requested that his last name not be printed, said this is his first and last semester living in the complex.

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SGA winners' campaign procedures under fire

By Elaine Broussard
Managing editor

The SGA President-Elect and Vice President-Elect were under fire this week for improper campaigning techniques.

The Election Board ruled that Tuesday Mindy McConnell and Zachary Pulliam, who were named SGA President-Elect and Vice President-Elect on March 25, must publicly admit wrongdoings made during their campaign, including misleading statements and misuse of student technology equipment.

McConnell and Pulliam defeated opponents Dustin Floyd and Alan Sypert by 22 votes.

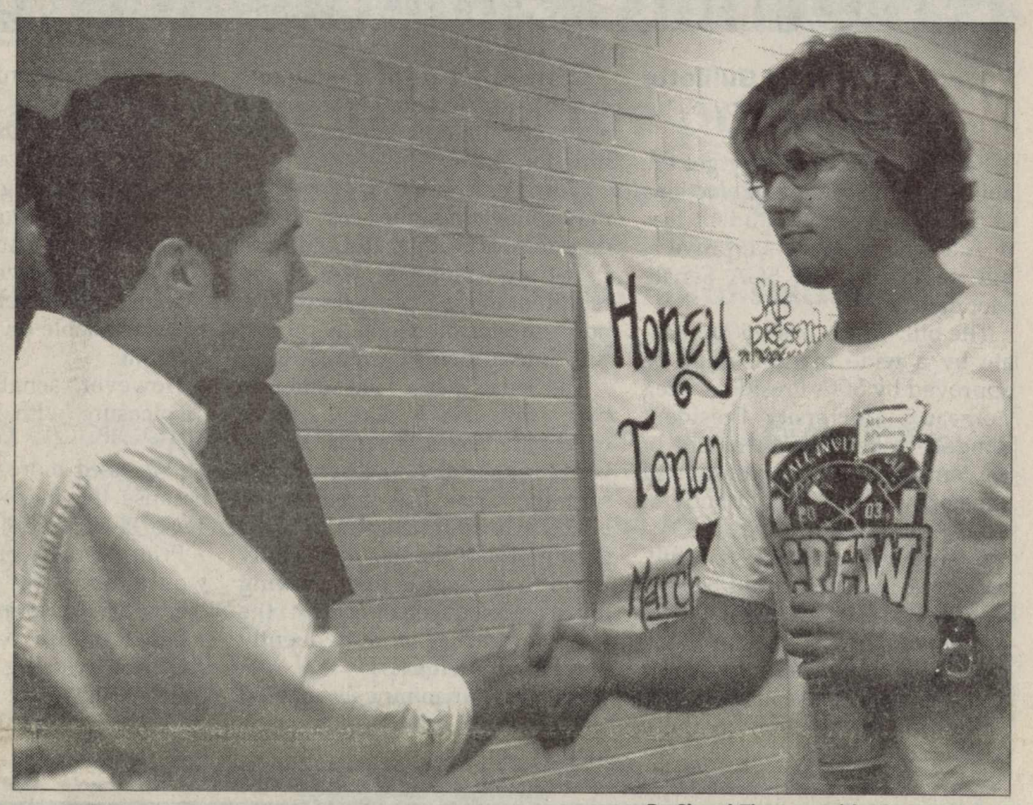
"I was very excited, of course," McConnell said. "When I heard the numbers, I realized the importance of every single student voting."

On March 26, Floyd submitted a petition to the board formally contesting the election and accusing the McConnell-Pulliam campaign of improper campaigning.

"We are challenging the results because there were some very dishonest things that were done on the other side," Floyd said. "During this whole campaign, Alan and I have run a straightforward campaign, and our opponents did not."

"Initially, whenever I read Dustin's letter, I thought it was completely absurd," McConnell said. "I thought that every single point he made was speculations. Then, once we entered the board meeting, and I listened to the points,

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By Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
SGA presidential candidate Dustin Floyd shakes hands with newly-elected SGA Vice President-Elect Zach Pulliam March 25. Mindy McConnell and Pulliam won the election by 22 votes. Floyd has since submitted a petition contesting the election based on accusations that McConnell/Pulliam improperly campaigned.

Students feeling heat of rising gas prices

By Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce
College Avenue Texaco's prices topped out at $1.69 per gallon for unleaded fuel Wednesday.

By Patrick West
Sports editor

Students at NSU are wary about where they travel since the price of gas has risen in Natchitoches.

According to a report released Tuesday by CNN.com and the American Automobile Association, gas prices hit a record $1.753 per gallon average across the nation. The average price of gasoline in Louisiana is $1.652 per gallon, with the highest average prices in Hawaii ($2.131) and the lowest in Oklahoma ($1.612).

Here in Natchitoches, gas is even cheaper at Wal-Mart on Keyser Avenue ($1.57 per gallon). The RaceTrac near Interstate 49 and the Keyser Avenue Shop Rite ($1.59) are the nearest competitors in price to Wal-Mart.

Other places to get cheap gas are the Brookshire's Zippy B on the Hwy. 1 bypass and Chevron and Citgo stations near the interstate (all $1.62). The highest prices for gas around Natchitoches are at Exxon near the interstate ($1.69) and the College Avenue Texaco ($1.66). All local prices were observed on Tuesday.

What is the cause of gas prices rising throughout the nation? According to ABC-News.com, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have reduced production over the past few months to help boost profits. Also, many refineries take this time of the year to do annual maintenance on their facilities, which has the effect of slowing production, and stations are changing to more expensive summer-grade fuel from winter-grade gasoline.

Adam Fuller, manager of Shop Rite, said people are going to buy gas no matter what the price is, because people need gas. Fuller also said that Shop Rite is not making that much money off gasoline.

"Right now the cost of gas and what people or students are paying for are really close," Fuller said. "We are not making much money on gas."

Judy Remo, manager of RaceTrac, said the rise in prices is not hurting them because people need gas to get back and forth to work.

See **Gas** pg. 3

Indoor Sonic to open soon; Chili's in the works

By Tasha Braggs
Diversions editor

NSU students will soon have two more restaurants to pick from in Natchitoches.

Wayne McCullen, the mayor of Natchitoches, said the city is getting an indoor Sonic and a Chili's Restaurant this year.

The indoor Sonic will be located at 5696 Hwy. 1 Bypass, in the old Pirogue's building across from Brookshire's. McCullen said the restaurant would have a dine-in area and a drive-through window.

David Stamey, a real estate agent with Collins and Stamey, helped to locate the building for the new owners. Stamey said the Reiser family of Wichita, Kan. is the new owner and manager of the restaurant. The Reisers have been in Louisiana for 28 years.

The Reisers own 28 other Sonic restaurants in places like Natchitoches, Monroe, Bossier City and Alabama. Merlin Reiser said the indoor location in Natchitoches is scheduled to open on April 15.

Reiser said the Natchitoches location would be the second indoor Sonic the family owns, with the other in Farmersville. Reiser said his son Paul would manage the location.

"I was looking into it and thought it would be a great idea," Reiser said. "I just decided to turn it over to my children."

Reiser said the indoor restaurant will not have the typical '50s look of most Sonics, but rather a modern style. Reiser said he anticipates this location to be great for students and families in the Natchitoches area.

Chili's is famous for its baby back ribs and a variety of food styles, from Asian to Southwestern.

McCullen said Chili's would begin construction on Keyser Avenue next to Ryan's Steakhouse in about 30 days.

Courtney Hornsby, Natchitoches' Main Street manager, said the restaurant is owned by Brinker International, Chili's parent company. Hornsby said the company plans to finish building a 4,200 square-foot prototype restaurant in November.

"The city of Natchitoches always welcomes new businesses into the community," Hornsby said. "New businesses mean greater economic activity in a particular community."

Hornsby said Chili's would provide 41 job opportunities for people in the Natchitoches.

"The opening of Sonic and Chili's will likely mean more job opportunities for NSU students, as well as a great place for the student body to patronize," Hornsby said.

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Few showers	Few showers	Few showers
73°/52°	76°/53°	73°/56°	71°/54°	74°/53°	72°/53°

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NSU Cultural Resource Center awarded $175k

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce reporter

NSU's Cultural Resource Office was recently awarded $175,000 by the LA National Guard to perform archeological work at Camp Beauregard.

Camp Beauregard is a 12,500-acre facility owned by the National Guard and located in Pineville.

The office's Assistant Director, David Morgan, who is in charge of the project, said the office has been surveying Camp Beauregard since 1997.

"We cover the entire installation and dig basically very small excavations using shovels and screen all of the material coming out of it, every 20 meters, which is about every 60 feet or so," Morgan said. "That's an awful lot of testing and shovel holes over a 12,500-acre facility, but that way we make sure we're not missing these deposits that may be buried beneath the ground surface."

Staff Archaeologist Brian Cockrell said these past seven years have involved a type of excavation typically considered Phase I archaeological work. The office plans on completing such Phase I work this summer.

Cockrell said the recent monetary award was given to support Phase II archaeological work at Camp Beauregard. This involves more extensive testing of particular sites on the facility to determine whether they are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The register declares specific sites important for historic or educational value and particularly worthy of preservation. Morgan said most of the test sites were occupied by Native Americans.

Morgan said he would continue performing Phase II test excavations over the next four weeks. He said he is working with private contractors to complete the project, and the majority of the project's funding is spent on the crew's salary.

"We (from the Cultural Resource Office) don't earn a profit because we're members of the University, so we use this as research and training opportunities for students," Morgan said. "The money that we make, that $175,000, goes to paying salary for the crew working on the project, equipment, shovels, screens, all that sort of thing, and housing. It goes for all those basic operating expenses."

Morgan said he typically hires NSU students during the summer to assist with Phase I excavations at Camp Beauregard.

"Ordinarily, when we run this in the summer, we try to hire Northwestern students to come and do the work with us because it's a way to provide them on-the-job training and sort-of practical field experience that they need if they are pursuing a career in anthropology," Morgan said.

These students are paid for their work.

"If they are working for us as employees, like during the summer, they get paid just like anyone else would that's doing this as a contract employee," Morgan said.

ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

3-24-04

12:48 p.m.
Two juveniles climbed the tower by the Fieldhouse.

1:53 p.m.
A complaint was received at Equipment Repair regarding a possible fight outside the shop.

6:55 p.m.
A call was made from the Columns in reference to students loitering outside and not allowing cars to pass through the parking lot.

7:19 p.m.
Another call was made from the Columns regarding people sitting on vehicles that did not belong to them.

3-25-04

6:40 a.m.
A vending machine in the PE Majors building was vandalized.

12:19 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to the post office because a parked car was blocking a Holsum Bread truck.

3-26-04

3:26 a.m.
A woman from the Columns called to report that someone had thrown a frozen egg in her apartment window. The apartment that called in was occupied by four men who knew nothing about a frozen egg. Officers had the wrong apartment and located the woman to take a statement.

5:51 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to the soccer field to make a report because a vehicle hit the fence and knocked the gate down.

3-27-04

1:15 p.m.
A man from Prudhomme Hall called requesting an officer because his window had been broken by a baseball.

3-28-04

12:55 p.m.
Officers were sent to the Louisiana School in reference to students holding signs that said "Topless Carwash." A State Trooper called in the incident to the city police department, and students tore up the sign when the trooper told them it was inappropriate. Officers confiscated another sign and spoke with one of the people in charge of the car wash.

8:11 p.m.
A Columns resident in Building 2 called to report that the apartment had been broken into and several items had been stolen.

10:44 p.m.
A man called from the Fieldhouse to report that someone came in to the Fieldhouse and took off running. He requested an officer to help check the building.

3-29-04

7:42 p.m.
A suspicious man was at Watson Library asking for money and a ride.

10:40 p.m.
Some students were locked behind the farm gate. When the gate was opened, the students left before any information could be obtained.

Elizabeth Bolt

Part-time students may get to vote in future SGA elections

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy editor

Part-time students may get the ability to vote in student elections at the cost of higher student fees if full-time students approve a bill passed by the SGA Senate Monday.

The bill, which passed the Senate by a wide margin, must be approved by SGA President Greg Comeaux, University President Randall Webb, Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour and a majority of the student body in a fall referendum.

If students approve the bill, part-time students would be able to vote in SGA elections. Also, part-time students that meet all other eligibility standards, such as GPA and previous service, could run for election to those positions.

Currently, part-time students cannot participate in student elections, either by voting or running for office.

However, those new privileges may come at a higher cost of student fees, according to Comeaux. Part-time students would be required to pay the same $2.25 per semester fee to the SGA that full-time students currently do.

The Senate passed legislation to buy the NSU Crew more coxswain boxes, or cox boxes. Crew representative Jason Stelly said the Crew has three of the boxes, which aid rowers in navigating their boats, especially when there is little light. Having more boxes would allow the Crew to practice more frequently and with more boats.

Senators unanimously passed legislation to commission a new map of campus.

Students currently have three maps available:

- a street and building map distributed by campus police with traffic and parking regulations,
- a stylized, not-to-scale map distributed by Admissions and New Student Services, and
- a set of street and building maps available on the University Web site.

However, senators expressed displeasure with those existing maps.

"We need more accurate maps because the maps that we have suck," Sen. Robert Silvie II said.

Printing costs of the new map would be offset by advertisements printed alongside it.

Senators also passed a bill to continue closing campus entrances during holidays, despite concerns that the bill was redundant.

Miller said a bill passed last semester established the practice year-round.

"We don't need to pass another bill, we need to enforce what we already have," Miller said.

Sen. Jeff Bergeron said the new bill was necessary because the original legislation had been amended to only cover the Christmas break as a trial period. When Miller countered that she had a copy of the bill, Bergeron responded that it was an old, unamended copy.

Also, the Senate approved resolutions that:

- recommend that the Student Trust Fund committee purchase an ice-making machine for the new Wellness Center,
- support city councilwoman Sylvia Morrow's re-election,
- request stronger enforcement of city leash laws on campus.

Finally, senators approved $500 for plaques and an end-of-year awards banquet after the narrowest vote and sharpest debate of the evening.

While $250 for plaques to be given to senator, new senator, commissioner and faculty/staff member of the year was appropriated by general consent, the banquet met opposition from senators concerned about using an equal amount of student funds for food.

"I'm not paying for ARAMARK," Miler said.

Sen. Dustin Floyd offered to pay his own meal or make sandwiches for the Senate as part of a potluck dinner.

"It is a waste of student money if we can pay for ourselves," Floyd said.

SGA Adviser Carl Henry said concerns like Floyd's did not represent how students felt.

"I've never heard a student on campus complain about it," Henry said, adding that senators deserved an awards banquet once a year.

The banquet legislation passed by one vote, with two senators abstaining.

The Senate passed several pieces of legislation in a relatively short time, but the mood of the meeting was at times rowdy, with groups of senators repeatedly bursting out in unexplained fits of laughter.

Speaker of the Senate Zach Pulliam twice gaveled for order during the meeting as Senators broke into laughter throughout the session.

"Is everyone on laughing gas today?" Comeaux asked after the Morrow resolution was passed.



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COLUMNS FROM PG. 1

His apartment was burglarized over Mardi Gras when someone broke one of his windows and took "computers, books, they knocked everything off the wall and just put it in my bed sheet and just carried it out. They took everything... posters, pictures, books." Bo also said the thieves took DVDs, a Playstation, and a plasma screen TV.

"This is my last semester living at the Columns," Bo said. "All my roommates and everybody are moving out. Everybody's going to move over to Frog Pond."

Bo said he doesn't know if the Frog Pond Apartments will be safer, but that "it can't be any worse."

Police recovered some stolen items after arresting Cadet, but have not identified any belonging to Bo.

However, some students are not bothered by the robberies. Carrie Carter, another freshman Columns resident, does not plan to leave despite the fact that Cadet was hiding in her apartment when the police arrested him.

"He came over here... he always came over here. He's a friend or whatever," Carter said. "And I looked out my window and I saw the police out by his house so I'm like, 'What are you doing?' And he's like, 'I'm running from the police.' So I left.

"My other roommates were here, some of them. But I left, because I didn't want nothing to do with it."

The police then located the suspect and "broke the window (because he wouldn't open the door). They came in and they got him, and he's in jail."

Neither Carter nor her roommates were accused of any wrongdoing.

Despite her feelings of personal security in the complex, Carter did express the need for increased security.

"We need to get a 24-hour security guard or some cameras in here or something, because something's got to give."

ELECTION FROM PG. 1

although I still disagree with many of them, there was one thing that I could kind of see where he was coming from."

McConnell referred to a flyer that she designed that claimed that she helped buy 250 new mattresses for the dorms, but the actual number was 28 mattresses. She said that this was a typographical error. McConnell said that she meant to round the number from 28 to 25, and then she accidentally added an extra zero.

The flyer also stated that McConnell was the author of the drama fee increase bill that was voted upon by the students last week. McConnell did not mention on the flyer that her opponent's, Vice-Presidential candidate Alan Sypert, had co-written the bill with her.

"In the end they felt that students based their decisions on false information," McConnell said. "The only problem I had is that I did not mean for those flyers to be misleading in any way."

Also, McConnell admitted that she produced campaign flyers on the SGA copy machine. Although McConnell said that she provided her own paper to copy the flyers, the board ruled that this was misuse of technology equipment.

"I didn't see it as a problem," McConnell said. "I feel that I am a student, and I brought my own paper just like you bring your own paper to computer labs. That copier was there for me to use like any other student."

The board ultimately ruled not to overturn the election, and McConnell and Pulliam will remain next year's SGA President and Vice President.

"The ruling wasn't exactly what we wanted," Floyd said. "Obviously the Election Board felt that Mindy and Zach were guilty of some wrongdoing, but I felt that they should have gone further. It's incredible to me that they did not overturn the results."

McConnell said that she has no problem apologizing for her mistakes, but she is concerned about her reputation.

"I think the ruling is going to run Zach's and my name through the mud, and make every student think that their SGA leadership is lying, cheating, horrible people, and that won't be good, but I guess they were looking for a punishment to fit the crime," McConnell said.

The board is requiring McConnell and Pulliam to publicly admit their wrongdoings by purchasing a quarter-page advertisement in *the Current Sauce* with pictures of themselves, distributing 6,000 quarter sheet flyers, and submitting a letter to the editor of *the Current Sauce*. Pulliam said that this will cost approximately $140, which he and McConnell will privately pay for.

Pulliam said that he is glad that everything is over.

"I'm content with the ruling, and I hope that everyone else is as well," Pulliam said. "I just hope that everyone sticks to their word."

However, the election contest may not yet be over.

Election Board Chairman Sharmyn Little said that the Supreme Court will try to convene some time before spring break to appeal the board's decision. No actions will be taken on McConnell and Pulliam until the Supreme Court meets.

GAS FROM PG. 1

Remo also said that being close to the interstate is helping because it is consistent with people traveling and getting gas.

However, Remo said college students have not been gassing up at RaceTrac as often.

"Lately, I haven't seen as many college kids," Remo said. "But with spring break, college students are going home and will need gas."

Remo said the corporate offices survey every day to help determine gas prices. Students at NSU said the price of gas has affected how they travel. Nicole Prudhomme, a freshman criminal justice major who lives about 18 miles from Natchitoches in Flora, said she sets aside a weekly allowance for gas. Prudhomme said she commutes every day to school and spends most of her gas allowance.

"It is a 15-minute drive from Flora, but I am about to get a house in Natchitoches so I can avoid spending $20 a week on gas," Prudomme said. "I try to avoid driving around town because of the cost of gas."

Laura Denmark, a junior elementary education major, said she feels like she cannot drive her car anymore because of the prices.

"If I do drive my car I think about how much it costs me," Denmark said. "I can't drive to my friend's house just for fun anymore. It has to be a valid reason and not just for the heck of it."

Denmark also said she has trouble going home on the weekends because it is too expensive to drive home.

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OPINIONS

Editors respond to Wempren's column

The integrity of this newspaper should not be in question over its coverage of the SGA elections. Every fact mentioned in every article having to do with the elections was truthful and the editors of this paper took very thorough measures to root out any libelous statements that could have been made.

Columnists are allowed to voice their opinions as long as no libelous statements are made. There have been no libelous statements made by our columnists. Cartoonists have the same license as columnists. The "McConnell-Pulliam plug in" was not at all a plug in. The cartoonist deliberately placed that in his cartoon drawing as an opinion statement. If we wanted to waste our time putting subliminal messages in the paper, we would have thought of a better way. The original copy of Sketch is available at the Current Sauce office if anyone needs to be reassured.

The Current Sauce did not take a side in this election. Dustin Floyd submitted his "self-defense" letter to the editor on March 24 at approximately 8:30 p.m. It was too late for his letter to be included in the opinions section, and its absence is not at all an indication of *the Current Sauce* supporting one candidate or the other. Letters to the editor were included in the order that they were submitted. As an impartial news organization, we feel that we cannot judge which letters to the editor should take precedence over others.

The actual reporting and news stories written about the election were fair and balanced to the best of our ability. As editors of *the Current Sauce*, we would hope critics of our paper would commend the news section and not scrutinize the opinions section, which just includes opinions.

Signed,
Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief
Elaine Broussard
Managing Editor

Letters to the Editor

Floyd addresses student body

As I write this letter it is the eve of the final day of spring elections. I realize that it will not be published until Thursday afternoon, a few hours before the polls close, thus being largely ineffective for spreading any sort of campaign message. That, however, is not the purpose of this letter.

The purpose of this correspondence is simply to share my feelings on this year's election. Many students will not have a chance to read this piece before the next SGA President-Elect has already been chosen. Although I am hopeful that we are victorious, and that we had a message that resonated across campus, I know there is a possibility that this may not be the case. This is more or less just a chance for me to clear the air on a few issues and provide an insider's view of this year's race.

First, I wish to thank all the students that voted. It is important that all students take part in the political process, in order that their voices are heard. I know it is not convenient to take time out of a busy day to spend a few minutes in line and vote, but it is an important act that can not be taken lightly.

Second, I wish to expose some of the deceit, inaccuracies, and outright lies which were perpetuated by the other side against our campaign. If I were to list and critique Ms. McConnell's campaign literature, the mendacities could fill volumes. She listed measures made by entire committees as her own, put herself on committees for which she did not serve, and manufactured accomplishments that she simply did not do. This is not only deceitful to the voters, but disrespectful to her colleagues with whom she served on the Senate.

The sad fact is, this is the least of the problems I have with her character. You see, the saddest thing about this entire election process is how much respect I've lost for Ms. McConnell. She has shirked her responsibility as a SGA commissioner, allowing other SGA Senators to show up for her scheduled meetings for which she never arrives. She has admittedly negatively campaigned against me during an academic class, which basically degraded into name calling, in a time when Alan and I have run a strictly issues based campaign. The worst of her deeds is the spreading of the downright lie that she, and she alone, authored the bill to put the drama fee increase on the ballot, and that both Alan and I stood against this proposal. The fact is, Alan co-authored that legislation, and I am on record as stating that I was going to vote for the measure, because although I am against fee increases, the proposition did have merit.

This whole process has been ugly. I am now not surprised that people are turned off by politics. During the course of the campaign my name was drug through the mud by people that I've never met or spoken to, our signs were ripped down and replaced with propaganda, I was compared to Al Qaeda terrorists on live TV, a local business was egged when they displayed a sign bearing our names, and Alan's tires were slashed just minutes before our scheduled debate. Although I can not blame the McConnell campaign for all of these things, certainly she benefited by the rabble-rousing.

In closing, I hope future SGA elections are based on issues, as this one should have been. I am proud of and thankful for the supporters who rallied our cause. They did not stoop to the level of name calling, property destruction, or the manufacture of deceptive literature. I know I can look at myself in the mirror tomorrow, but will my opponents be able to do the same?

Respectfully Yours,
Dustin G. Floyd
5 Term SGA Senator
SGA Presidential Candidate

[Eds. note-This letter was originally submitted for the March 25 issue. Space did not permit it to run.]

Professor speaks on religion vs. public policy

As a professor of political science and public policy, I have always been intrigued with the notion of using The Bible as the basis for our domestic public policy. Our present public policy is based, or should be based, on a reasonable assessment of the problem faced and the choices available. The resulting solution must then conform to the US Constitution, a document whose purpose is to limit government and protect rights of the individual citizen. Using The Bible to replace this reasoned debate and eliminate the limitation imposed by the Constitution would certainly make "things" easier. A country that attempted this solution, Afghanistan under the Taliban, did not seem to be wracked with debate, overcome with choices, or overly vigilant with regard to individual rights.

Sunday's Letter to the Editor by Revered Irchirl allowed me to further investigate the use of The Bible in public policy. Rev. Irchirl calls upon readers of The Natchitoches Times to write their state and national political representatives to criminalize and declare "same sex" marriages unconstitutional. Same sex marriages should be banned because, in the Reverend's words, they violate "the laws of God." The laws of God, I presume, are to be found in The Bible.

OK, lets apply the laws of God to the public policy regarding marriage. Don't forget, policy must be consistent with those laws. Let us proceed. Same sex marriage is out, this based on the Reverend's analysis of God's law. Ah, but there are laws and, presumably, all must be applied. So, any legislation or Constitutional amendment must, if it is to conform to Gov's laws, include, at a minimum, the following:

1. No man or woman may marry who was previously married but has since divorced (Matthew 5:32) Guess that leaves a lot of us out of the picture.
2. No man or woman of different races may marry (Deuteronomy 7:3, Kings 11:2)
3. No marriage is allowed between Christians and non-Christians (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)
4. No marriage between a man who had sexual thoughts about a woman other than his intended bride (Matthew 5:28) Oops!
5. A minister may only marry a virgin (Leviticus 21:13-14)
6. No marriage between a man and a contentious or aggressive woman (Proverbs 21:9 & 19, 25:24, 27:15)

Hmmmmmmmmm. Maybe using the "laws of God" is not necessarily the way to go. At least not in the public realm. I assume that Reverend Irchil and his flock saw The Passion of The Christ and were inspired by what they saw and felt. Perhaps it would be a good exercise for them to see Inherit The Wind, hopefully they will be inspired by what they will see and think.

Alex Aichinger
Professor of Political Science

Scholars' student respods to Rhea's letter

Miss Rhea's letter from last week made a lot of points. Not a lot of good points, but there were a lot of them. Most if not all of these points were wrong. I don't mean that I disagree with them (though I do); I mean that her points were just plain incorrect.

Let's start with her suggestion that Baptists and Catholics don't describe homosexuality as a sin: "the Bible does that." First, given that Anthony McKaskle listed numerous biblical passages that describe homosexuality as sinful, her point makes no sense. She owes him an apology for her snide remark of "Just a little proofreading for ya," as she repeated him rather than correcting him. Furthermore, just because the Bible says something does not mean that Baptists and Catholics cannot also. In fact, I find that when the Bible says something, Baptists and Catholics tend to agree with it.

Let's move on. In his letter, Chris Billioux called some opinions "not particularly forward-thinking." He was not referring to faith, something Jenny arbitrarily inserted into the discussion as his motivation. Rather, he was suggesting that the anti-gay marriage position was "not particularly forward-thinking." Jenny suggested that "traditional thinking does not always equal backward thinking." Well, since forward-thinking means "advocating an advanced policy in the direction of what is considered progress; extreme, radical thinking," I would argue that no, by definition traditional thought can

NEVER be forward-thinking; they are antithetical terms (Webster's).

As to where the Bible contradicts Heliocentricity: it's in Joshua 10:13, where the Sun stands still in the sky for two days. I knew that it was there because that's why the Church condemned Galileo. I think it was childish of Miss Rhea to so adamantly deny such a well known biblical passage and to suggest that she thoroughly searched three translations of the Bible.

I'm glad that Miss Rhea feels comfortable labeling her opposition as "narrow-minded arrogant" hate mongers while attempting to create the illusion of an even-handed, open-minded attitude so as to secure the moral high ground. I myself proudly harbor "narrow-minded, arrogant" hatred toward those who would deny civil rights to any segment of the population; I would be ashamed were I not to feel outrage. I respect Miss Rhea's right to disagree, but I would suggest that next time she make at least one argument with an ounce of logical validity.

Stuart Kriger
Scholars' College Senior

Columns

FILLER

Random Gnarblings



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

Gay marriage: Why is this a question? "Separate is inherently unequal." It's *already in* a Supreme Court case! (Brown v. Topeka Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 [1954]) I saw people protesting this on the news and I felt like I was in a movie. I can't believe this is even being contested, and the fact that we're considering an amendment to the *Constitution of the United States of America* to ban it is simply absurd. This is not an issue the Constitution needs to be changed to accommodate, even if it does end up being federally banned.

Cloning: Human cloning research is risky ethical ground, but a complete U.N. ban is not going to accomplish anything, and refusing government grants for experiments, if the subject is legalized as an area of study, is going to spur solely commercial research. This field of biotech is so rich with possibilities that I find it ludicrous to even postpone inquiry, let alone ban it altogether. I'll be the first to oppose claiming cloned people are property or cloning of people solely for organs, but the research is the only way we're going to find techniques for growing *only* a heart, or synthesizing a liter of blood from a drop.

Stem cells: Hey, the *kids* aren't using them.

"Under God:" I'm an American, and I'm not under God. But, then again, I haven't said the pledge of allegiance since I gave up my religion habit, either. Now, years down the road, if I run for president, am I going to be tarred for stating in a public forum that I haven't pledged my allegiance to my country since I was 11? Take out the offending phrase, lest I be accused of being unpatriotic. Yet again.

Patriotism: It doesn't mean saying your government is right all the time.

Abortion: I'm adopted, so my view on this one is a bit skewed, but I do think it should be legal. There's too much controversy over too wide a range, and no way to answer the question. If you're against it, don't do it. If you're against it, help deal with overpopulation a different way and adopt one of the kids that are already waiting for a home.

Do these things piss you off too? Do I piss you off? SauceFiller@hotmail.com

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A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

On integrity



By Shantel M. Wempren

It seems to me that the integrity of this paper is in question. Columnists are taking too much leeway in the term "OPINIONS." While this term does allow one to offer ones ideas freely, there is much more to consider. Like facts. And libel.

In my most humble opinion, I feel as though it is the job of a columnist not to stir the pot, especially in election season. I personally know everyone who ran for executive office in the SGA and for reasons of integrity; I chose not to voice my opinion in any way shape or form. Until Thursday, I did not vocalize my support for any candidate.

And still, I was able to read about what D. Floyd did last year or two or three or four years ago and if I didn't know that Floyd has grown up, I might have been persuaded. I might also point out that I really loved the McConnell/Pulliam plug in the art section. Did they PAY for that advertisement? It wasn't included in their budget.

My point is this: It is not the place for a paper to take sides in an election. If I am not mistaken, Floyd wrote a letter to the editor defending himself, one that was not published. One knows that not all letters to the editor can be published, but when it is in self-defense, shouldn't it take precedence?

I am disappointed in the Current Sauce for the standpoint that it took on the election. While the Sauce did report both sides, the Opinions page left something to be desired, especially on March 25. As a newspaper, there should have been no standpoint. This was a campus wide election and it was for the students to decide and I think that they were improperly and unjustly influenced.

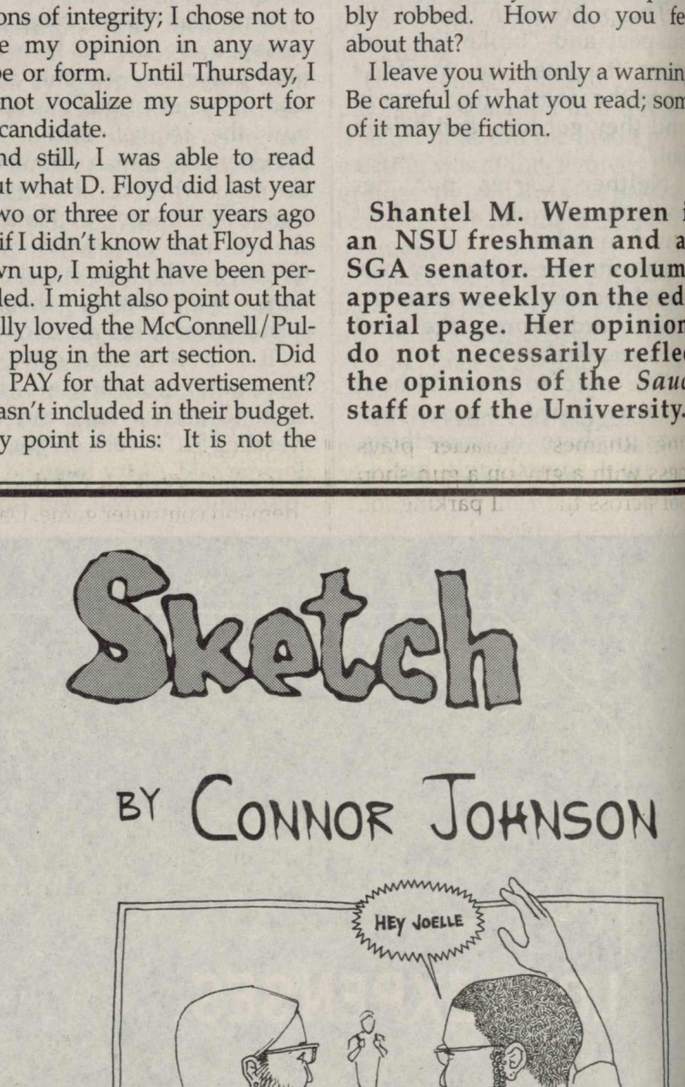
Students: You have been misinformed on many levels and possibly robbed. How do you feel about that?

I leave you with only a warning. Be careful of what you read; some of it may be fiction.

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DAWN OF THE DEAD

'Dawn' gets four and a half stars

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"Dawn of the Dead" is full of zombies, blood and gore--all the ingredients that make a good horror movie.

This new "Dawn of the Dead" is a remake of the classic movie by George Romero. Zack Snyder directed this remake and did a fantastic job.

I enjoyed the beginning of the movie because I did not have to wait very long for it to get started. About fifteen minutes into the movie the zombies start attacking and the movie never slows down.

One of the best parts of the film is when Sarah Polley's character is driving from her house the director switched to a sky view, which shows the zombies attacking different people in her neighborhood.

The cars crashing and zombies chasing people all over the place truly captured the moment.

After Polley's character crashes her car she follows people to the local mall to take refuge.

I never understood why they wanted to leave the mall, because the zombies would have starved sooner or later.

This movie also has its funny moments that lightened up the dark mood.

One funny moment is when Ving Rhames' character plays chess with a guy on a gun shop roof across the mall parking lot. How did they play chess? With dry erase boards and binoculars.

One little quirk I did not like was the lack of feelings for some of the characters. By the end of the movie, I literally did not care who was killed and who survived.

"Dawn of the Dead" is everything you expect in a good horror movie — lots of zombies, gore, some acting and a cool scene with a chainsaw I did not mention.

The art of gaming 2: *Computer Enhanced*

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Chris Reich/the Current Sauce
Ages of Empires II, The Sims Makin' Magic, Diablo II expansion pack, The Sims Online and The Sims Unleashed expansion pack are just a few of the popular computer games being played by gamers.

Stepping around the corner, you enter a dark alley. Slowly, you come upon the enemy, take aim and shoot to kill.

Counter-Strike is a popular first person shooter computer game and NSU student Nick Cortez's favorite game to play.

Cortez, a senior double major in computer information systems and business administration, said he spends about 15 to 20 hours a week playing computer games.

Cortez prefers first-person shooters and real-time strategy games and said that at the moment he is focusing on first-person shooter games.

"What draws me to this genre the most, however, is the amount of teamwork and communication required to play competitively," Cortez said

Counter-Strike is a multi-player, first-person shooter game consisting of two teams: terrorists and counter-terrorists.

The object of the game is to outstrategize and kill enemies to accomplish map objectives.

Erin Ponville, also a senior double major in computer information systems and business administration, said her favorite computer games are first-person shooters as well.

"I like practicing my reflexes by shooting people quickly and accurately," Ponville said. "It feels like I am inside the virtual world and looking out."

Counter-Strike is not the only in-demand computer game. Dave Stabley, owner of Game Fu, said older games like FarCry and The Sims are still hot.

"Just because it's old doesn't mean it's not good," Stabley said.

Stabley said that at Game Fu, located at 411-A Bienville next to Causey's Pharmacy, games that are currently in high demand are Half-Life, StarCraft, Max Payne and the Lord of the Rings series.

Militaristic computer games like Counter-Strike and Half-Life seem to be very popular at the moment.

Steve Cooper, a manager for EB Games, said the store's top sellers at the moment are FarCry, Battlefield: Vietnam, Call of Duty and Counter-Strike: Condition Zero.

Stabley said two of the most anticipated computer games coming out are Half-Life 2 and Doom 3.

Both Cortez and Ponville are eagerly awaiting the release of Half-Life 2.

According to Amazon.com, Half-Life 2 is scheduled to be released on June 1, but things could change.

"Its (Half-Life 2) release has been delayed for over eight months now, and that is starting to get on my nerves," Cortez said.

With computer games, players can go online and play with friends or groups of people from around the world.

Cortez said he rarely plays computer games alone.

"There isn't much satisfaction in beating an AI script written by a programmer," Cortez said. "The fun is knowing that you have bested another human."

Stabley said that many of his customers meet online at gamefu.net to play computer games as a group.

One thing he said they could not do right now is hold tournaments. However, he said this will change in the near future.

Cooper said that EB Games, located next to Sam Goody on Keyser Avenue, will probably conduct computer game tournaments that will give prizes away.

So what is it about computer games that make them so attractive?

Stabley said that gaming is all about what it does to a person.

Ponville said "Games are a fun way to escape from reality."

However, Ponville warns newcomers not to get into monthly fee games.

"I've lost friends because they are consumed by those games, like 'EverCrack' (EverQuest)," Ponville said

Stabley advises newcomers that the computer is the key to gaming.

"It (the computer) needs to meet the specs of the games, and to meet the specs of future games."

Stabley said one of the differences between computer games and consoles is that console games cannot be played on any computer.

"A Playstation 2 game can be played on any Playstation 2 at any time. Computer games depend on the computer's specs," Stabley said.

However, a computer can be updated while a gaming console cannot.

Computers can be outfitted with new video cards and more RAM, gaming consoles have only what comes prepackaged.

For those interested in joining the computer gaming community, Ponville and Cortez both say Counter-Strike is a must.

Ponville also recommends Halo and Rainbow 6, and Cortez said that role-playing game fans should check out the World of Warcraft when it is released.

According to Amazon.com, World of Warcraft will be released on June 15.

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



What Every Girl Needs in April



Well, ladies, April is finally here! This means spring is in full bloom, the weather is getting warmer, and most everyone is getting the fever!

Now, this fever is not deadly, but it is contagious. I am talking about spring fever—and this means that fun and being outside are on our minds!

Because April is the transition month between late spring and early summer, there are some things that every girl should have around this month that will stay in style for the summertime.

By acquiring these "essentials" now, it will keep the stress and rush down later when you are trying to put together a summer wardrobe in the middle of July.

Start now and you will look stylish and smart by saving money and time.

And away we go…

TIE it and DYE it!

Tie-dye is in because it is a psychedelic pattern that attracts other eyes and is flirty and fun.

Nowadays, "fashionistas" are bringing back styles from earlier days—in this case, the '60s. The best tie-dye pieces to look for are mini-T's and sundresses.

I also read about girls in California who were taking white-cotton lounge pants and tie-dying them to look like "shri lanka"-ish beach pants—very cool and comfy.

Gingham and Lace:

Hmm…can we say Daisy Duke from "The Dukes of Hazard"? Even though this may sound very Daisy or Ellie-May, it is actually very girly and attractive.

Gingham and lace probably look best in red or pink. Keep on the lookout for G & L shorts, skirts and peasant-tops.

Like, TUBE-ular!!

Every girl needs a tube top or two in their dresser drawers! Whether you decide go with a classic cashmere sweater tube-top or a simple cotton one, make sure you've got at least a couple of them.

The two hottest looks right now with this style are in stripes of bright—and I mean bright colors! Pick up a tubey with grey and turquoise stripes and you'll score tons of compliments are you new gams.

"Beachy" Accessories:

Let's see, I think I've gotten in trouble more than once for helping myself to my mother's costume jewelry when I was younger, but I've found myself doing it a lot more now more than ever!

The "in" thing now is sea-shell jewelry: necklaces made from an oyster's mother-of-pearl, or earrings and bracelets made from sea coral.

So, this spring (and summer) take the beach along with you wherever you go: on your hands, ears, neck or wrist.

Faded Denim:

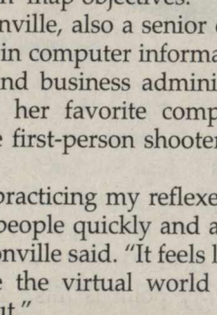
This spring, you need to lighten up—your denim, that is! This season, lighter washes of denim are in because the weather is getting warmer and darker washes can get too hot and uncomfortable.

The cooler, lighter washes look and feel great with or without the sun beating down on your glamorous bod.

Correction:
In last weeks issue, the pop culture review of Dezmond Meeks and his band stated the show was on Friday. The show was actually on Thursday.

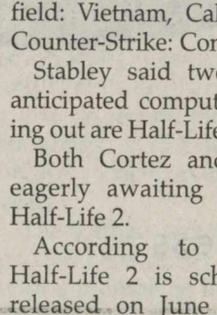
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What are you doing for spring break?



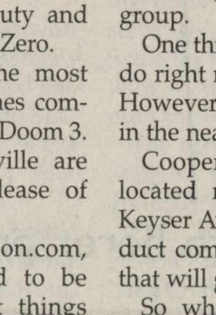
Scott Marcelle
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"Probably just spending it with my fiancée and baby boy."



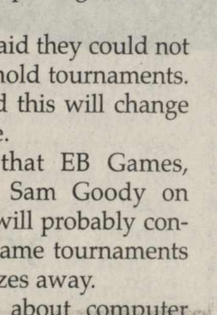
Laurie Brown
Senior
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"I am doing homework and getting ready for my new position in Circle K."



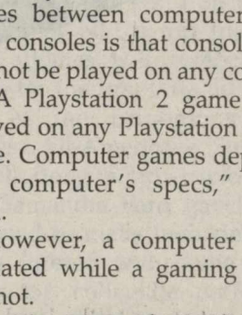
Mary Hughes, Senior
Psychology
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Criminal Justice

"We're going on a cruise to Grand Cayman."



Lakeia Conley
Junior
Business Admin.

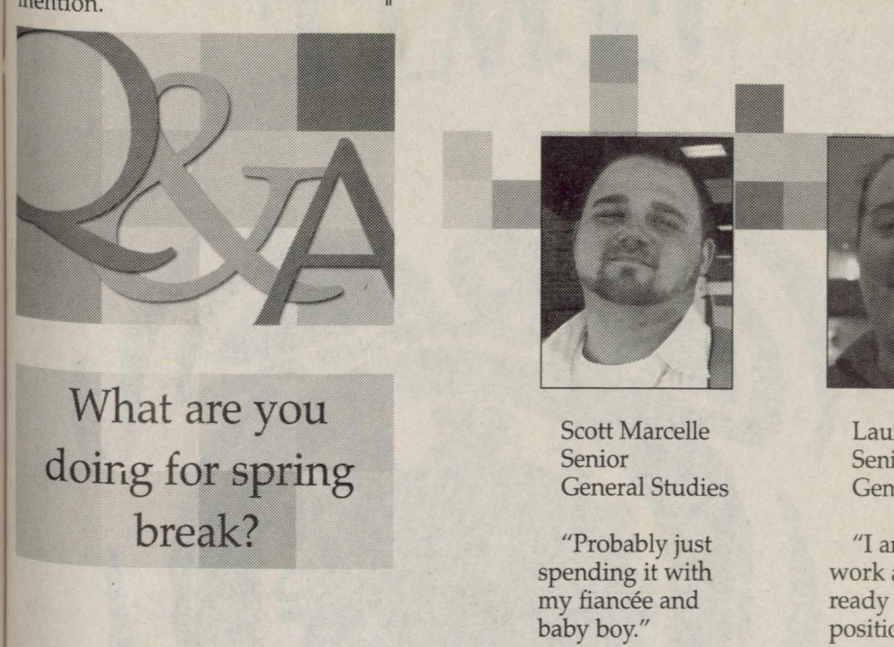
"I'm going home to spend time with my family."



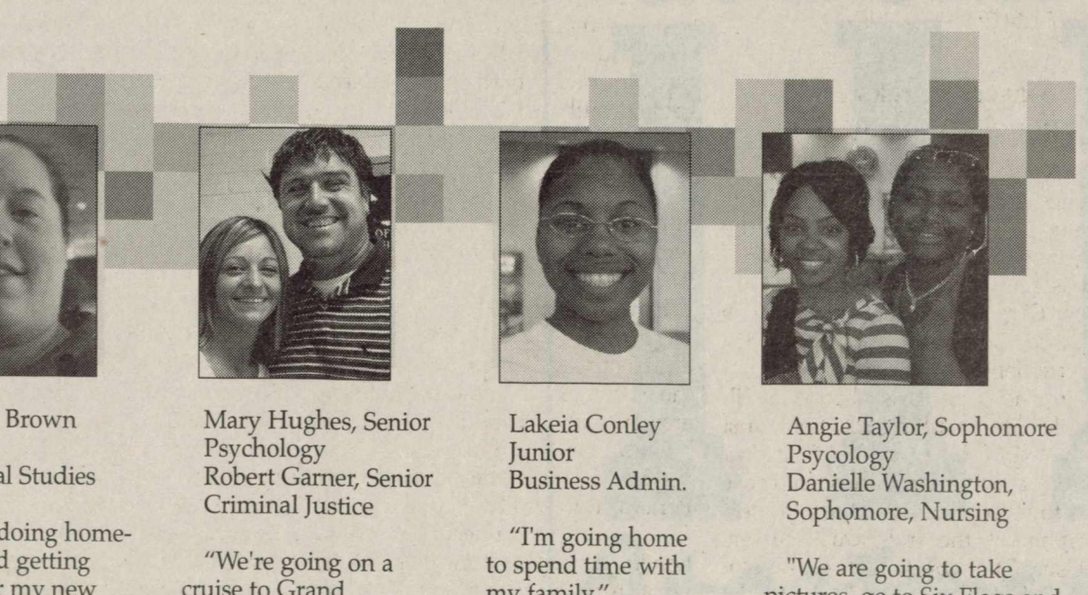
Angie Taylor, Sophomore
Psycology
Danielle Washington,
Sophomore, Nursing

"We are going to take pictures, go to Six Flags and have a party."

Unity in numbers: Greek Week 2004



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Joe Guglielmo, senior business adminstration major, helps Kelli Woods, freshman general studies major, out of the mud during mud volleyball on Wednesday.



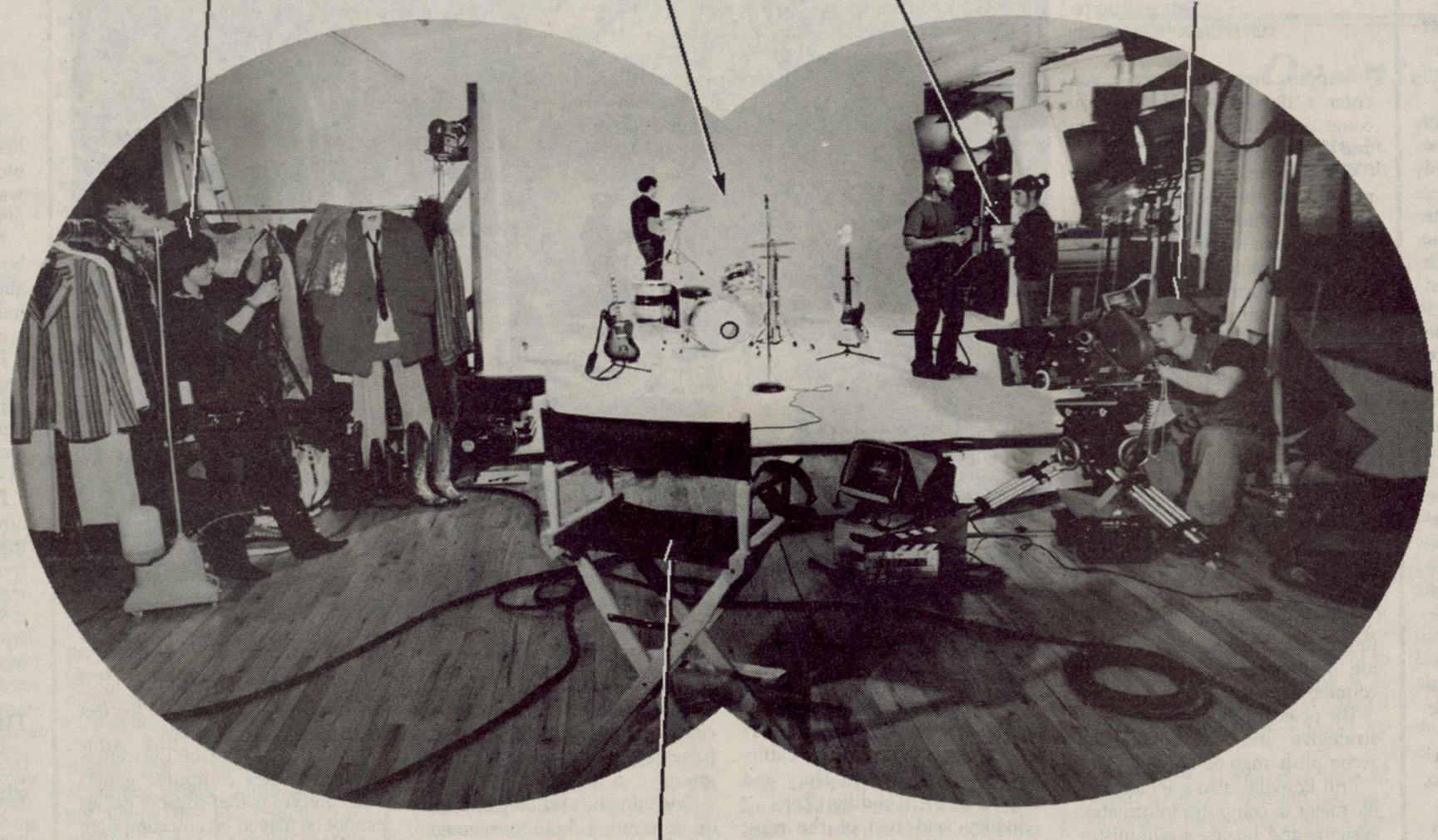
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Strong pitching and weak offense hurts NSU

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No. 8-ranked University of Louisiana-Lafayette (32-4) defeated Northwestern State (18-21) in a doubleheader Wednesday night behind a strong pitching performance by Ragin' Cajun ace Brooke Mitchell.

Mitchell struck out 26 batters and allowed only three hits.

"It is just frustrating we are not winning, I am sick of losing," freshman pitcher Amie Ford said. "I am frustrated we lost tonight."

Mitchell (26-3) won both games in the doubleheader at Demon Diamond as NSU lost their second and third straight.

ULL won the first game in a pitching duel between Demon pitcher Ford and ULL's Mitchell. The Ragin' Cajuns squeaked out the victory 2-0.

All-American pitcher Mitchell gave up three hits in the opener while striking out 14 batters.

Ford was just as impressive, striking out 11 while giving up only six hits and two earned runs in seven innings.

ULL's first run came off a solo shot over the left field wall by Ragin' Cajun catcher Joy Webre in the fifth inning.

The other run came in the following inning when Holly Tankersley scored off a RBI double by second basemen Brittney Bryant.

NSU could never answer back as Mitchell had the Demons' number. NSU managed only three hits and left four runners stranded on base in the opener.

The Demon bats did not wake up for the second game either, as Mitchell picked up where she left off in the first game.

Mitchell struck out 12 and gave up no hits in 4 2/3 innings as the Ragin Cajuns beat NSU 8-0 in six innings.

The Demons did not get their first hit of the nightcap until the bottom of the sixth inning, when third baseman Lindsay Leftwich hit a single off relief pitcher Heather Bobbitt.

"They had timely hits and we didn't put the ball in play when we needed to," senior NSU pitcher Crista Miller said.

The Ragin' Cajuns wasted no time in the second game, jumping on NSU pitcher Miller in the first and third innings.

ULL scored one run in the first inning off a RBI single by Tankersley. The Ragin Cajuns scored two runs in the third inning off a Danyele Gomez two-RBI double.

"I felt good tonight, but sometimes things just don't go your way," Miller said.

Webre, who homered in the first game, added another in the fifth inning. Webre hit a two-run homerun over the left field wall, almost the same spot as her first.

Hillary Guidry who went three for three and Tankersley, who went four-for-four from the plate, led the Ragin Cajuns.

NSU had a chance to score runs in the sixth inning and extend the game, but the Demons could not capitalize on a bases loaded situation, as Bobbitt got out of the jam.

A bright spot for NSU was a diving play by Leftwich in the top of the first. Leftwich dived for a ball at third base and threw it to Amanda Glenn at first base, who stretched out for the ball by doing a split.

This was just NSU's fifth home game of the season, as the Demons started a 13-game home stand Wednesday night. Up next for the Demons is a three-game series against rival McNeese State at Demon Diamond this weekend. A doubleheader is set for Saturday, with first pitch at 1 p.m.

"I am excited to be at home and hopefully get wins and get our season going," Ford said.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Amie Ford pitches against ULL Wednesday night. NSU lost both games in the doubleheader.

BASEBALL FROM PAGE 8

nals held the Demons in a three-point lead until the bottom of the sixth inning.

A base hit by Demon in fielder Hunter Thoms earned their first run. Designated hitter Bobby Barbier hit a double later that inning to tie the score with the Cardinals.

Finally Demon catcher Jeff Martin made a base hit in the eighth inning bringing in second baseman Brandon Morgan to ensure their 4-3 victory that afternoon against the Cardinals.

The Demons won this past weekend's Southland Conference series against Lamar.

After Friday and Saturday the Demons have now gone to 14-9 for the season and 5-0 for Conference play.

Demon baseball coach Mitch Gaspard was proud of his team for beating the favored Lamar Cardinals in Conference play.

Lamar was the team picked by most to win in the Southland Conference games this weekend and Gaspard felt that his team did what they needed to do.

"Any time you win a series against a team that is picked to win that is a good ego boost," Gaspard said. "We took care of business this weekend and last weekend."

Tennis wins seventh straight, looks for eighth

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Northwestern State extended their winning streak to seven matches after a 6-1 win over Sam Houston State in Southland Conference women's tennis action here Saturday.

NSU, now 11-3 overall and 7-1 in SLC play, easily won the double's point 2-0 and sped through single's competition 4-1. Anneline Zerwick, Catalina Villegas, Magali VanDenBergh and Alexandra Nieto all posted singles wins.

The Lady Demons will not return to action until next Saturday when they host Texas State.

Weekend action

Spring break may begin Friday evening for the NSU student body, but for the Demon and Lady Demon sports teams, a busy weekend is on tap, with the softball and tennis teams playing key Southland Conference contests at home.

The red-hot Lady Demon tennis team plays host to Texas State on Saturday morning and Texas-San Antonio Sunday morning, with first serve at 10 both days.

Coach Willie Paz' team has won seven straight conference matches and 11 of its last 12 overall and has a grip on second place in the SLC standings. UTSA was the SLC's NCAA Tournament entry last year.

The softball program celebrates its 25th anniversary this weekend with a reunion of former players, coaches and staffers expected to bring about 100 alums back home.

Coach Eileen Schmidt's team will play the first of three straight homefield SLC series after spending three-quarters of its schedule so far on the road. First pitch for Saturday's doubleheader is 1 p.m. with a single game Sunday capping the series, also starting at 1.

The former players will be recognized between games of the doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

The league-leading Demon baseball team goes on the road to Lake Charles for a three-game SLC series at McNeese. The games will be carried on the Demon Sports Network, flagshipped by 97.3 FM The Mix in Natchitoches. The teams play at 7 Friday night, 3 Saturday afternoon and 1 on Sunday.

Some of NSU's top track and field athletes will compete outdoors for the first time this weekend at the prestigious Texas Relays. All-Americans Stephanie Sowell (long jump, triple jump) and Samantha Ford (javelin) are expected to make their debuts in fields littered with some of the other top collegiate performers from around the country.

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SPORTS



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The Way I See It

Spring football

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Now that the Demon football team's spring training is over, I would like to mention a few things that I can see happening next season.

At the Joe Delaney Bowl on Saturday, a group crossover players and red-shirt freshmen put on a great show and proved their worth to the team.

Red-shirt freshman running back A.J. Franklin took 14 carries picking up 57 yards and breaking a nine-yard touchdown run.

His rushing proved that the tag team of Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson has a backup that is sure to produce.

Toby Zeigler's 101 receiving yards was impressive, but Greg Skidmore's competing numbers made him a great crossover player.

Skidmore switched to wide receiver after playing running back last season.

The Demon defense has done well during this spring's off-season training. Blocked kicks and nice tackles showed me that the Purple Swarm will be alive and kicking in 2004.

Sophomore safety Jason O'Brien put heavy pressure on quarterback Davon Vinson in his last play of Saturday's game, causing Vinson to miss a needed two-point conversion in the final seconds.

The potential that these athletes showed this spring will be a great bonus for the Demons next season, but the thing I see being the most interesting next season is the possible quarterback controversy.

Maybe I am just jumping the gun on this one, but I think that the way all of the quarterbacks played this spring makes it difficult to say which one is the right man for the job.

Vinson did a great job passing for all the yards he did and producing the numerous touchdowns, but the red-shirt freshmen played pretty hard too.

Red-shirt freshman Connor Morel showed pinpoint accuracy on quite a few passes and put up numbers that show he could see a good bit of playing time.

Morel's 129 yards helped the white team get on top in the Delaney Bowl.

Another red-shirt freshman that proved his worth is quarterback Joe Leone. Leone bumped up the purple team's score as he passed a 55-yard touchdown to Josh Mosby in Saturday's game.

Ladies and gentlemen, can you say clutch?

That is the only word I can think of to describe that play. I'm not saying Vinson isn't going to be able to start next this season, I am just saying he better not slip up. Morel and Leone will be right behind waiting to get their chance.

No matter what happens between now and Sept. 4, there is one thing for which I am sure.

Next season is going to be an amazing season. I am just sad that I will not be here to see it.

Faith motivates athletes

By Michael McCorkle
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Athletes find their driving motivation in different ways. Here at NSU, faith plays a major role in the lives of many student-athletes.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a non-denominational organization that meets the spiritual needs of athletes across the country.

There are approximately 8,200 "huddles," or groups, representing 325,000 members throughout North America.

The University chapter of the Fellowship is one of 300 in Louisiana.

"The FCA sponsors many events for the athletes, including Tuesday night huddles and team Bible studies," said Fellowship Area Representative Gerald Long. "Approximately 70 percent of the athletes have participated in our events throughout the year."

Several religions are represented at NSU, but Long said most athletes are Christian.

Ashley Sparkman, junior center for the Lady Demons basketball team, said she has been a devout Christian since she was 8 years old.

Sparkman said she has attended church since she was a little girl, and her faith in God is one of the pillars of her life.

"My faith is the basis, the reason and the strength of my life," Sparkman said. "My faith in Jesus is my life."

Sparkman views each game she plays as an opportunity to witness to others.

"In every game I play, my focus is to play in a way to bring all the glory to God," she said.

Tyler Priest, a senior track and field athlete, is also a Christian.

"I didn't live my Christian faith till my freshman year of college," said Priest, who noted that he had attended church throughout his life. "Now, my faith defines who I am as a person."

Priest said living his faith can be difficult sometimes, especially with the influence of the "me" culture prevalent among athletes.

"It is difficult to glorify God in today's culture," he said. "A lot of athletes use their abilities to glorify themselves."

Even with these influences, Priest said he has friends he can rely on for spiritual support.

"There is a strong network of Christian athletes I can relate to on campus," he said.

Tommy McClelland, senior deep-snapper for the football team and president of the Fellowship, agrees that there is support for his faith.

"The athletic community is a big family," McClelland said. "Everyone may not be of the same faith, but since we all go through the same stuff, they respect you as a player."

McClelland said he had to stop playing football due to a scholarship situation, but he rejoined the team this spring.

"I feel God has given me another chance to play football, and I just want to glorify His name in this experience," he said. "The first three years of playing football was about me. The final year is about God."

McClelland said he accepted Christ when he was 8 years old but did not actively live his faith until his teenage years.

"I didn't live a Christian life until my junior year of high school," McClellan said. "I recognized all that God had done for me and that I had become a 'closet' Christian."

Sparkman believes her athletic talents have come from God.

"We have been placed here for a reason," Sparkman said. "God gave us our abilities."

McClelland said a quote from the movie Chariots of Fire summed up his role as a Christian athlete:

"I believe God made me for a purpose. I also believe He has made me fast. When I run I feel His pleasure. To give that up would be to hold Him in contempt. But to win is to honor Him."

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball
(18-21)

March 23, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Louisiana-Lafayette
(32-4)

NSU 0 - **ULL 8**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	-	F	H	E
ULL	1	0	2	1	2	2	-	8	13	0
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2

March 23, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
ULL

NSU 0 - **ULL 2**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
ULL	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	-	2	6	0
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

Northwestern State vs.
Centenary

NSU 1 - **CC 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	2	2
CC	2	0	1	2	1	0	X	-	6	7	1

Key Player:
Lindsay Leftwich
Solo home run vs. Centenary
junior utility player

NSU Baseball (15-10)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Bobby Barbier
2-run homerun (6) vs. LaTech
Sophomore first baseman

March 30, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
LaTech (11-19)

NSU 14 - LaTech 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
LTU	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	4	0
NSU	1	1	0	6	1	2	0	3	X	-	14	16	0

March 21, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Lamar (19-8)

NSU 1 - **LU 5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
LU	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	-	5	9	0
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	1	6	2

Northwestern State vs.
LU

NSU 4 - LU 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
LU	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	3	8	1
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	X	-	4	4	1

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

TRACK

Waugh places second at LSU Invitational

Defending Southland Conference outdoor high jump champion Cameron Waugh of Northwestern State finished second in his speciality Saturday night at the LSU Tiger Invitational track and field meet.

Waugh and teammate Derrion Harris each cleared 6' 8 3/4". Waugh was placed second on fewer misses in the competition while Harris settled for sixth in a tightly packed field.

On the second day of competition Saturday, Marcus Pitre gave NSU a seventh-place 1:53.90, season-best, in the men's 800 meter run.

Also seventh in the finals of the women's 10 meter hurdles was TaMeisha Miller, who won in that event last week at the College Station Relays.

Baseball beats Lamar, LaTech

Courtesy
Sports Information
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NSU 14 - LaTech 3

Northwestern State pounded out 16 hits, including three home runs, as the Demons defeated Louisiana Tech 14-3 in baseball action here Tuesday night.

The Demons, now 15-10 overall, got three-hit performances from Tigger Lyles, Josh Boop and Andre Vige, while the Bulldogs (11-19) were held to just four hits on the night.

NSU's Daniel Desclouds (1-0) earned the win in his first start as a Demon pitcher.

Desclouds pitched five innings, giving up three runs on three hits and striking out four.

He was relieved by Russell Dorton, Phillip Martinez and Blake Jones, who giving up just one hit while striking out three in four innings.

The Demons will take their first-place 5-1 Southland Conference record on the road this weekend when they open a three-game series at McNeese State.

Game times are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and Sunday at 1. The games will be broadcast live on the Demon Sports Network.

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NSU 1 - Lamar 5

The Demons' bats fell silent as Kyle Stutes of the Lamar Cardinals pitched a complete game to defeat NSU 5-1.

The Demons (14-10, 5-1 SLC), in their first conference loss this season, managed just six hits and one run in the finale of the three game home-stand with Lamar.

Stutes (5-0) also didn't allow an extra base all afternoon as the Demons stranded six runners on base.

"He (Stutes) has been their go-to guy all season," Demons' Head Coach Mitch Gaspard said. "We just have to tip our hat to him today."

The Demons' Rusty Jones (2-2) had three strikeouts, but he only lasted 4 2/3 innings as the Cardinals got five hits and two runs off of the junior left-hander.

Third baseman Jo Jo Haney of the Cardinals hit the only home run of the day in the sixth inning off senior relief pitcher Eric Broaddus.

The Demons' Andre Vige was two for three with two singles, scoring the only run for the Demons by stealing home plate in the eighth inning.

"Vige was outstanding and he performed well," Gaspard said.

Even with the loss the Demons still won the series. They are also first place in the Southland Conference. Lamar (19-8), the pre-season favorite, is tied for sixth place.

"We are sitting right where we need to be," Gaspard said.

By Kyle Carter
Sauce Reporter

NSU 12 - Lamar 2
Game 1

NSU 4 - Lamar 3
Game 2

The Demons' baseball team came out Friday and Saturday to play the favored Lamar Cardinals both days as part of the Southland Conference.

Friday night marked the start of a three game series against the Cardinals. The Demons beat Lamar 12-2 in the seventh inning under the 10-point rule.

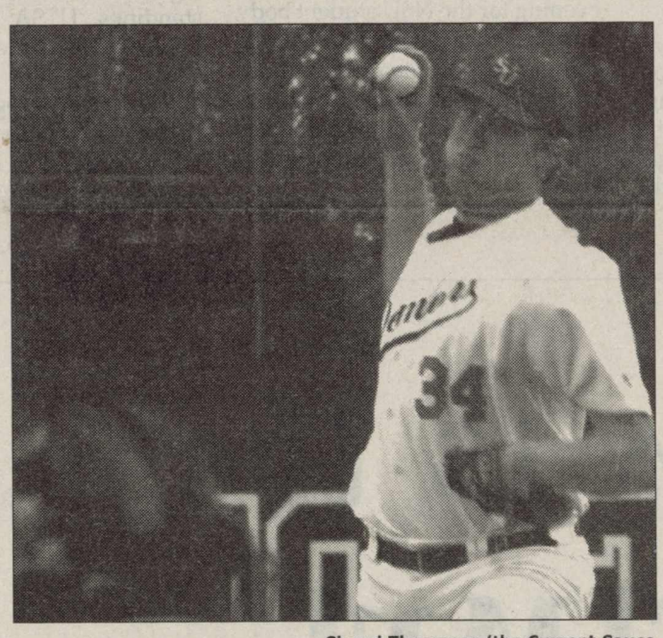
Under this rule, a team that scores 10 points over their opponents before the eighth inning has earned the win for that game.

The Cardinals held the Demons by a two-point lead until the third inning when Demon out fielder Michael Palermo hit a fly to the back wall to bring in their first run.

The Demons came back by scoring three more runs that inning to take the lead. After that the Demons scored every inning but one to secure their seventh inning victory.

Saturday saw a much harder earned victory for the Demons. The Lamar Cardi-

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Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
Demon relief pitcher Eric Broaddus pitches in relief against the Lamar Cardinals last weekend. NSU won the three-game series.

White wins Delaney Bowl by one

Purple rally in football scrimmage comes up short



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce
A Demon receiver for the white team catches the ball and is tackled by two defensive players for the purple team. The white team held off a late rally by the purple team to win the Joe Delaney Bowl.

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More than 1,000 Demon fans packed Turpin Stadium Saturday night to watch the 15th Annual Joe Delaney Bowl.

The annual spring game, named for the former Demon halfback who died in 1983 in an attempt to save three boys from drowning in Haughton, pits the Demon football team against itself in traditional purple and white teams.

This year's game was decided by only one point and gave many red-shirt freshmen an opportunity to shine.

Red-shirt freshmen quarterbacks Connor Morel and Joe Leone showed their worth to the team as they posted notable numbers and a few great plays.

Morel threw for 129 yards while taking the white team to an early 13-0 lead.

His 22-yard connection to Titus May and 34-yard pitch to Derrick Doyle were just two of Morel's big plays for the night.

Leone's 55-yard pass to Josh Mosby competed well with Morel and brought the purple team one score closer to tying the game.

Returning quarterback Davon Vinson came on strong also throwing for 200 yards in the game and throwing back-to-back bombs to Ben Bailey and Toby Zeigler late in the fourth quarter.

Zeigler's 31-yard pickup from Vinson was a chunk of his 101 total receiving yards for the game.

Vinson's fumble near the end of the game, however, almost locked the purple team's loss early.

Vinson seemed to resurrect his team before sophomore safety Jason O'Brien forced him to muff on the final play of the game.

The Demon defense showed they were awake and ready for next season as the white team's defense blocked a Marshall Burton extra point attempt.

The purple team fought hard to come back, but Vinson's incomplete pass in the final play of the game left the them one point short as they lost to the white team 20-19.

The Demons will have a few months off before summer practices begin in August. The 2004 season will begin shortly after, as the Demons take on the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns in Lafayette on Sept. 4.

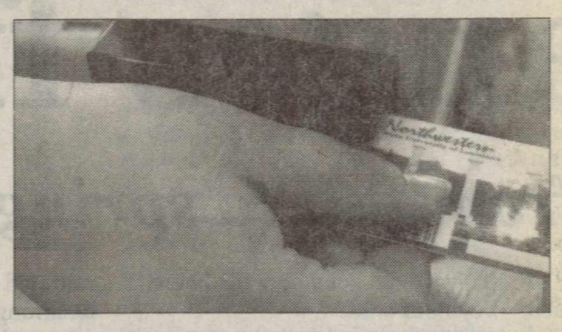
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KNWD's Demon Fest to be held Saturday on riverfront

See side panel for details

Potpourri staff cuts page

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

Students who have picked up their 2004 yearbooks and noticed a page missing have not been robbed — the *Potpourri* staff intentionally removed the page.

A page contained a photograph of a computer screen showing a student's personal information. *Potpourri* Editor-in-Chief Christine Harper said her staff reviewed the pages on a computer screen before sending them off to print, but did not realize the information would be visible in the yearbook.

"We didn't see it on the proofs," Harper said. "The proofs come back (from the press) in big groups, 50 pages at a time. So that's the last thing we would have even noticed."

When the yearbooks arrived from the printing press, the student's information was clearly visible.

Mary Brocato, the *Potpourri's* faculty adviser, said distributing the books without removing this information would have violated the student's legal right to privacy, so the *Potpourri* staff cut the pages out.

"We considered a number of different options, one of which was to take a black marker and try to mark through everything," Brocato said. "But simply by the fact that the student's picture was there and the student was identifiable, that still compromised that student's privacy. So the decision was made that the only really safe thing to do was to take the picture out."

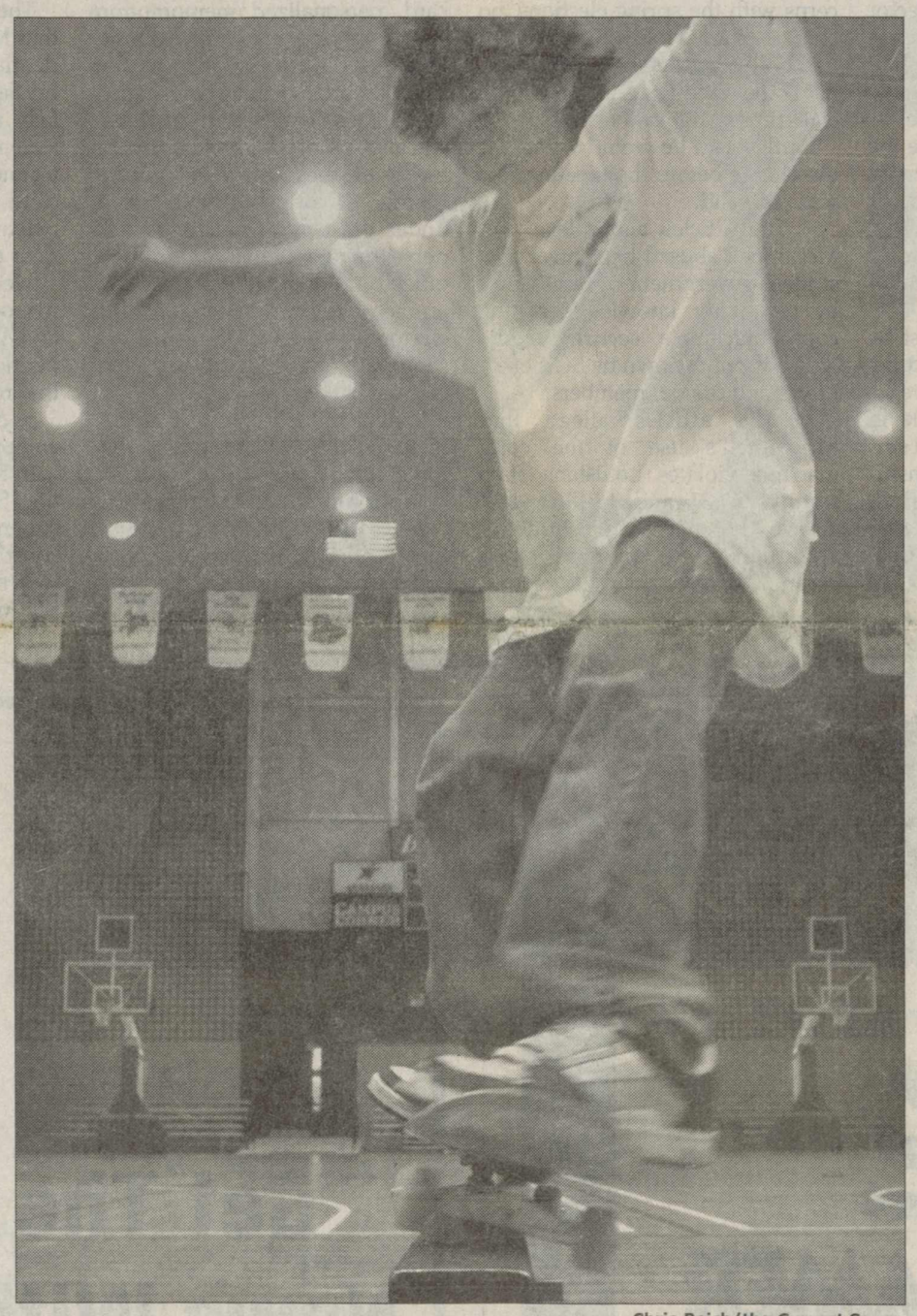
The other side of the page removed contained a large photograph of a student.

Leslie Westbrook, the *Potpourri's* photo editor, took both of these pictures. Westbrook said he had permission to take both photos for the yearbook.

The photo was of an art student working on a wood block print.

"I really liked that picture," said Westbrook. "But overall, as a whole, I think

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Chris Reich/the *Current Sauce*
Luke Regard, 13, from Shreveport, does a railslide Monday during the SAB-sponsored X-Games.

NSU X-Games go on despite rain

By Kyle Carter
Sauce reporter

This Monday the SAB Lagniappe Committee held their X-Games in Prather Coliseum despite set backs from rain.

Lauren Atterbery, a member of the Lagniappe Committee, set up the event having started plans for the event sense last semester. She provided free food from Aramark, free airbrush tattoos, a live band, and a few skateboarders to perform at the X-Games.

"It was something different," Atterbery said. "Who doesn't like skateboarding and punk rock music?"

This was the first time that Northwestern ever held an event of this kind. The X-Games were scheduled to be at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, but because of the weather the event had to be moved indoors at Prather Coliseum.

"It is unfortunate that it rained," said Kenny Beaumont, bass and lead vocals to Cider.

Atterbery got for the event a band she found at the NAKA (National Association of Campus Activities) Festival that is held in Arkansas.

They were Cider a band from Orlando, Florida who traveled from Milwaukee to play Monday at the X-Games. Beaumont said that the NAKA Festival is a multiple day event that is a means for performing artists to expose themselves to campus activity organizers.

Through this exposure musicians, comedians, and other such performers have been able to meet with and work out deals with colleges to set up campus activities such as the X-Games.

"They are an awesome band," Atterbery said, "They were the last act of the three to four day festival."

For the actual games themselves, Atterbery enlisted the help of Byron

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Dorm costs to increase this fall

By Jimmy Brown
Sauce reporter

Due to increasing rates in utilities, some dorm residents will see a raise in their room fee.

Housing Coordinator Felicia Young said students who have roommates will have to pay $50 more beginning in the fall semester. Double room fees will go from $925 to $975, Young said.

Young said with the increase, the double rooms at NSU are still much cheaper than others in Louisiana schools.

Young said students who have single rooms will not see an increase. Single-room residents are exempt from the increase because the price for single rooms, $1,500, is adequate compared to other schools in the state, Young said.

For some students, these room fee increases seem to be a trend.

Sophomore business major Christina Ballard said that ever since she has been at Northwestern she has complained about the room fee increases.

With the increases, Ballard said she has seen no major improvements in her dormitory building, Sabine Hall.

"The dorm looks the same," Ballard said. "There's no remodeling."

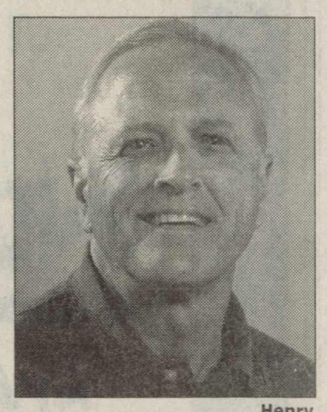
Ballard said there is a lack of security on Sabine's back doors and feels her safety's threatened.

"Improve the dorms

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Student Activities director to retire

By Katrina Dixon
Sauce reporter



Henry

Northwestern's director of Student Activities and Organizations will retire August 1, after 17 years of service.

Carl "Skeeter" Henry, an NSU graduate, said he has spent 33 years in the state retirement system and is looking forward to playing golf, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his grandchildren after retirement.

Henry said that during his time at NSU he saw many positive changes on campus and enjoyed working with so many students, faculty and staff members.

Henry said he decided to retire because he feels the timing is right.

"I don't want to overstay my welcome. I feel like now is the time to leave," Henry said.

Henry said the position of director of Student Activities and Organizations includes many duties and the opening is now being advertised on NSU's Web site.

According to the job description, the director supervises and is responsible for recognized student organizations, Greeks, the Student Activities Board, the Student Government Association, Recreational and Intramural sports and the Friedman Student Union.

Dan Seymour, vice president for Student Affairs, is overseeing the hiring process for Henry's replacement. He said he hopes to have the position filled by the beginning of the fall semester.

Seymour said some of the requirements for the job include a master's degree in college student personnel,

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Sauce on the Side

Treasurer Reorganizaton Act renewed by SGA

The SGA senate renewed the Treasurer Reorganization Act, which students narrowly voted down in March, at Monday's meeting.

Also, the senate passed legislation banning cell phone use in Watson Library and codified a policy for undergraduate use of library study carrels.

The renewed Treasurer Reorganization Act, which would combine the duties of Treasurer and Administrative Assistant into a single executive officer called a Secretary and separate the Fiscal Affairs commissioner from the position, was amended to clarify that student fees would not be raised as a result of the action and would require the SGA to promote the measure before the election.

Students voted against the act on March 26, by a margin of only four votes. Sen. Alan Sypert, a co-author of the act, said he heard of several people who mistakenly believed the act would raise student fees.

The cell phone policy would require students to keep their phone ringers off and leave the library to make cell phone calls. The carrel policy would allow faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students working on large research projects to rent a study lockable room in the library for a $10 charge.

Garrett Guillotte

Demon Fest offers musical mix this Saturday

A free music festival sponsored by KNWD will take place in downtown Natchitoches on Saturday.

Demon Fest will kick off at 2 p.m. on the Front St. Riverfront Stage. The festival will include performances from eight musical groups in a variety of music genres.

"We will have everything from punk rock to abstract spoken word," KNWD Music Director Brad Hartley said.

Hartley said that Demon Fest used to be an annual event, but it has not taken place in several years.

"Demon Fest got pretty big before it skipped those couple of years," Hartley said. "We made it one of our big priorities this year."

The musical groups performing at Demon Fest are Asthetic Vibe, Food, The Hooker Jones, Kelvin, Justin Bailey, A More Different Racket, The Revelation and The Transmission.

Although it is free to attend Demon Fest, donations will be accepted for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Elaine Broussard

Housing: Students can paint dorm rooms starting this fall

Is the stark whiteness of your dorm room beginning to drive you insane?

Are you tired of the only colors on campus being eggshell, off-white, and sandstone?

Campus will be a little less bland starting in fall 2004 with a new NSU policy allowing students in residence halls to paint their dorm rooms.

A committee made up of residence students, residence hall staff and the physical plant painters was instructed to make a decision on the topic, and a definite yes was declared.

This policy was made before Easter break, but the specifics are still being worked out. So far, the committee has decided that a list of colors will be provided and students will be allowed to choose one. Students will then be directed where to pick up the chosen paint.

Further discussion is taking place on who will pay for the paint and how many times a student will be allowed to paint his or her room within a given semester.

Many other colleges have been allowed to do this, said Frances Conine, director of student services, and she believes that by enacting this policy NSU will be able to serve students better. She feels students miss something if they don't live in college residence halls.

In addition to painting dorms, other policies on campus such as visitation and curfew are being reviewed.

Katie Wilson

NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
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Meal plan changes finalized

Changes include balance rollovers from fall to spring, meal plans' names

By Anthony McKaskle
Copy editor

Students at Northwestern State University will have more variety in their meal plans starting this fall.

Dan Seymour, vice president of Student Affairs, has negotiated several changes to the meal plans, expanding some while eliminating others.

Seymour said that part of the contract with ARAMARK includes annual discussions concerning the food, staffing and facilities.

"Sometimes these discussions are about, 'We need a new frying pan,' or a roof is leaking," Seymour said. "But they're also about the meal plans."

Seymour said that results from an ACT student opinion survey showed students were concerned about their voices being heard on campus and the rising costs of tuition, room and board.

Problematically, Seymour said, first-time students who chose to live on campus were required to get an Iberville board plan, which did not include declining balance options.

"Lots of parents had complained to me about that," Seymour said. "There were no options."

Now the three main meal plans automatically include a $50 or $45 declining balance, which can be used at any restaurant on campus.

This is in addition to last year's meal plan price increase of $30.

"I wanted to try to tell parents, 'Hey, we've got a new deal here,'" Seymour said.

The meal plans' names have also been changed from 19a, 14a and 10a to Platinum, which costs $838, Gold, at $802.10, and Silver, at $771.20, respectively.

Other changes to the meal plans in general have also been negotiated. Seymour had an $850 declining balance plan eliminated.

"Last semester we sold nine of it," Seymour said. "We did away with it."

Seymour and ARAMARK also initiated a rollover system for the declining balance plans, so any money left in an account would still be there the next semester, but only from fall to spring.

"This doesn't mean you don't have to buy a plan," Seymour said. "If you're still required to buy a plan, having money in your account doesn't except you."

Finally, whereas previously the 10a meal plan was only usable on Monday through Friday, the Silver plan is now usable any day of the week.

"We had students who would get here on Sunday and their meal plan would be no good." Seymour said. "And they would leave Friday at noon, so they were paying for 10 meals and only getting eight."

Seymour said he hoped his efforts would help keep student costs down.

"I thought those changes were very positive things," Seymour said. "They'll be effective in the fall. It's signed, sealed and delivered."

McConnell to be impeached as senator

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy editor

An SGA senator filed articles of impeachment against SGA senator and president-elect Mindy McConnell Monday.

The four impeachment charges, which are against McConnell's performance as a senator, were filed by Sen. Matt Bartley near the end of the senate's weekly meeting.

The senate will serve as an impeachment hearing board at its next meeting, scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Cane River Room.

University Student Affairs Vice President Dan Seymour said the impeachment charges should not affect McConnell's status as president-elect.

"Some people believe that, for some reason, she is not the president-elect," Seymour said. "Mindy McConnell is the president-elect."

Even if McConnell is impeached as a senator, SGA Vice President Scott Manguno said she should still be inaugurated as president at the April 26 SGA banquet.

According to Bartley's articles, three of the four charges are related to McConnell's use of an SGA copy machine for her spring presidential campaign:

• Bartley's articles allege that McConnell violated the property infractions section of the NSU Student Code of Conduct "by using a State and University owned copier to create unauthorized publications for her personal benefit."

However, Seymour said Bartley's claim was not true since Seymour, University President Randall Webb, or Student Services Director Frances Conine had not signed a letter stating that McConnell had violated the code.

Seymour, Webb and Conine, as University judicial officials, are the only individuals at the University who can currently cite a student for violating the code.

Without such a letter, Seymour said that McConnell had not violated the code.

He said a student must first be charged with violating the code, and the University must investigate those charges and decide in writing to sanction the accused student before someone could consider that a violation had occurred. Sanctions range from a verbal warning to expulsion from the University and are decided by a judicial official.

Seymour said that while people had talked to him about their concerns with the spring elections, no charges of any violation of the code had been filed. Seymour can designate other faculty and staff as judicial officials, but said he has not.

> "I want to make a point that the senate will not stand for this."
>
> **Matt Bartley**
> Senator presenting impeachment articles

Bartley said he would withdraw the charge before the meeting if it was not valid.

• The articles also allege that McConnell abused her power as a student government commissioner by using her knowledge of the copy machine's security code, which is only known by SGA executives and cabinet members.

• The articles allege that McConnell's use of the copy machine violates Louisiana state statutes 43:31 and 18:1465, and Article XI of the state constitution.

Statute 43:31 prohibits any "branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government" from printing "any bulletin, leaflet, Christmas card, personalized memorandum stationery, or other similar communication, house organ, circular, book, report, or similar publication, except those required by law."

It also prohibits the same government entities from expending "funds of, administered by, or under the control of any branch, department, agency, employee, official, or other entity of state government" to print material or urge electors to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot.

Statute 18:1465 prohibits the use of public funds in urging "any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated to a candidate or political organization."

Article XI, section 4 of the state constitution contains the same wording of statute 18:1465.

Both of the statutes and the state constitution allow for "the normal dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition on any election ballot or a proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the legislature or any local governing authority."

Bartley said he used the SGA Election Board's findings for his allegations against McConnell.

The Board decided on March 30 that McConnell and her vice-presidential candidate, SGA Speaker of the Senate Zach Pulliam, must publicly admit to making misleading statements and misusing student technology equipment — specifically, using the SGA office copy machine to create materials for their campaign.

McConnell and Pulliam's respective opponents, Sens. Dustin Floyd and Alan Sypert, had submitted the petition to the Board that initiated that review on March 26.

Seymour is currently reviewing an appeal to the Board's ruling.

In the articles, Bartley wrote that the SGA constitution does not supercede state law or the state constitution, and that violation of state statutes should be grounds for McConnell's dismissal.

The state district attorney's office, which could investigate official charges of state law violations, was not available for comment by press time.

Also, in his articles of impeachment, Bartley accused McConnell of malfeasance, or misconduct, in office. According to Bartley's articles, McConnell allegedly did not create three committees that should be under her supervision.

McConnell denied the allegation.

Bartley said he was acting alone in presenting the articles to the senate, and that he submitted them on his own personal convictions, not for personal gain.

"I want to make a point that the senate will not stand for this," Bartley told *the Current Sauce*.

McConnell said the allegations, especially those concerning violations of state statutes and the state constitution, were overstepping the authority of the SGA, and that the Election Board's ruling was still under review.

Pulliam said the hearing would take place before any of the night's legislation is voted on.

That way, he said, should McConnell be impeached, she would not be able to vote on any measures presented before the senate.

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POLICE BLOTTER

3-31-04

10:24 a.m.
A woman called in a hit-and-run she witnessed involving a black Nissan that hit a gold Camry.

5:42 p.m.
A call was received from the training room stating that the Natchitoches Parish Hospital had been called for an athlete.

7:21 p.m.
An officer was advised to go to the Detention Center to pick up a man who was released on a bail bond.

9:29 p.m.
A suspicious man was spotted on College Avenue. He was advised to leave campus.

4-1-04

3:41 p.m.
A man from the College of Business called to report four men driving around throwing water balloons at cars.

4-2-04

4:03 a.m.
A woman from the Columns called because a pick-up smashed the side view mirrors off her car.

4:13 a.m.
The driver's-side side view mirror had been broken off of a white Intrepid.

4:14 a.m.
A Honda had the side view mirror knocked off.

4:21 a.m.
Another vehicle was missing its right side view mirror.

4:23 a.m.
The driver-side mirror of another vehicle was shattered.

4:45 a.m.
The passenger-side glass of a vehicle had been broken.

4:47 a.m.
The driver-side mirror of a Sonoma was bent but not broken.

11:01 a.m.
A woman came in to report that her vehicle had been vandalized at the Columns.

11:15 a.m.
Another woman came in to report that her vehicle had been vandalized at the Columns.

1:06 p.m.
A student needed an officer to make a report on his vehicle that had been vandalized at the Columns.

11:55 p.m.
There were reports of a dog barking west of the farm gate. An officer was sent to investigate.

4-4-04

1:00 p.m.
A woman called in reference to her boyfriend taking her cell phone.

9:07 p.m.
The resident of a Columns apartment called to report an attempted break-in.

9:13 p.m.
A man from the Columns called to state that a screen window of his apartment had been removed, but no entry was gained.

4-5-04

6:35 p.m.
A woman called in reference to a suspicious person on the second floor of the Fine Arts building begging for money.

4-11-04

6:55 a.m.
Two people were on their way to police custody because drug paraphernalia was found in their apartment.

4-13-04

6:00 p.m.
A call was received from the softball field requesting an officer and an ambulance.

Elizabeth Bolt

YEARBOOK FROM PG. 1

(the yearbook) is good."

Brocato and Harper also agreed that the missing pages will not seriously detract from the yearbook's overall merit. "We lost that picture, but ... the story is still there,"Brocato said. "We lost the headline ... and we lost a fantastic picture on the backside. But we didn't lose the stories."

"Overall, despite those missing pages, I think it turned out great," Harper said. "We covered a lot of things that have not been covered before, a lot of things that are usually overlooked."

DORM RATES FROM PG. 1

before you try to make us pay extra," Ballard said.

Young also said the primary reason for the past raises were to cover the fluctuating prices of the gas and electric bills.

Young said the only way for a decrease to happen in the room fees is if the utility rates were to drop down significantly.

Meanwhile, some students, including Ballard, are thinking about moving outside campus.

When Ashley Lewis, a freshman nursing major, heard of the increase, she said, "I don't like it at all. I'll probably end up moving off-campus."

Including the increase, Lewis blamed the lack of maintenance in Bossier Hall as the reason for wanting to move.

"Stuff should be fixed and they're not fixed," Lewis said.

Young said housing does not feel threatened with possibility of many students moving off campus.

She said housing is in the discussion process of changing some of the policies in the dorms to attract students.

Young mentioned students would be able to paint their dorm rooms starting in the fall semester.

Young said this decision was made so students could add their personalities to their rooms.

Students may also give suggestions that could improve dorm life to their R.A.'s, Young said.

HENRY FROM PG. 1

counseling, higher education or a closely related area, and five years experience in student affairs work.

Seymour said there will also be a committee of students, faculty, staff and community members involved in the selection process for a replacement.

He said he thinks the ideal candidate would be well-qualified, preferably doctorate prepared, and from off campus so ideas could be brought from the outside.

"On the other hand, if the committee recommends someone local and everybody agrees, then I'm all for it," Seymour said.

Henry, who worked at Natchitoches Central High School before applying for his current position at NSU, said if he had not continued his education he would never have been qualified for the job.

"The key to me having an opportunity like this, which may be a lesson to students, is keep on getting educated," Henry said.

Yonna Pasch, assistant director of Student Activities for Greek Life and Leadership Development, said she thinks Henry's retirement will affect a large number of students.

"I have worked within his department for three years. He is a hard worker, an excellent boss and a great person to work for," Pasch said.

X-GAMES FROM PG. 1

Dykes, owner of Interskate in Shreveport, for the ramps and skaters that came. Dykes has been a life long skateboarder having done it for about 20 years. He opened his first skate park in 1998 in Shreveport, and later followed that park with another in Bossier City in 2001. Dykes wanted to bring his demo team but setbacks did not allow for their attendance. He did in turn bring some of his younger skaters to strut their stuff.

"I was working at the skate park and was asked to come sense people backed out on him," said Brian Clemmons, an employee of Interskate and one of the performers. "I was glad I got out of school to come skate."

Another attraction to the event was airbrush artist Cindy Markman who did free airbrush tattoos for anyone who wanted one. Markman was employed by Eccentric Entertainment out of Michigan to travel from Dallas, Texas to provide another revenue of entertainment at the X-Games.

Markman started out doing tattoos 15 years ago in bars.

Soon she picked up her trade in airbrushing tattoo designs on customers to act as nonpermanent tattoos to help people decide on going ahead to get the real tattoo.

Now, major Dallas tattooists have begun use her services to help customers decide on final designs for tattoos.

"I think it's great that your school is willing to spend so much money to bring in entertainment from other parts of the country for your students," Markman said.

Atterbery also worked with Aramark to provide free food for the X-Games.

In addition to the free food, a representative from the Snapple drink company came to give out free samples of new products as well as free shirts and Frisbees.

"It was cool and the food was good and it was fun to watch the kids out on the skateboards," said John Fontenot, general studies major. "I guess it was just a bad deal cause they had to move it."

And the rain did provide for major setbacks.

The event was originally planned to be in front of the Student Union, but the weather did not permit for that.

Students who plan such events are given a choice as to whether it is a day or evening event said Terria Alexander, assistant director of student activities and organizations.

Day events like the X-Games are held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting at 11 a.m. as not to conflict with Christian organizations who hold events those evenings and evening events are planned for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

As for that after a day event is planned, the organizers must wait and see how the weather will turn out.



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Student Activities Board

The Student Activities Board has five representative at large positions available for the 2004-2005 school year.

Qualifications include:
- Minimum of 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- Must not be a voting member on the SGA
- Must be available for noon meetings on Monday and Wednesday

Deadline for applications is at noon on April 23. For more information, or to pick up an application, go to the SAB office in Student Union Room 214.

Social Sciences

Andrew Curtis will lecture Friday in the Ora G. Williams television studio (Kyser Room 142). His lecture is titled, "Using a Geographic Information System to Investigate the 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic of New Orleans."

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OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor

McConnell responds to Floyd

After reading Mr. Floyd's letter in the last issue, I was, well, disturbed. I thought about whether I would respond to Mr. Floyd's nonsense, or just let it go and move on (something I wish many others would do). However, I feel that my character has been deeply tarnished and the students that I now lead are questioning my integrity. Thus, I find it crucial that I present my defense so students can restore their trust in me.

The first accusation that Mr. Floyd makes is that my flyers were "deceitful". In a recent hearing, he explained in detail what exactly he found misleading in m y flyers. I found it funny. For example, Mr. Floyd found a problem with "created the 24 hour computer lab" on my flyer. He asked if I actually bought and installed all of those computers. If any students actually thought that I bought and installed all of those computers from reading that flyer, please contact me. I'm not expecting many calls, though, because no one is that stupid. What I did do was respond to a student's suggestion, researched the possibility, contacted the appropriate people, developed a plan, set the hours, found a location, got police patrol, and single-handedly wrote the legislation. So I didn't think that "create" was a far stretch at all. People got the point. Mr. Floyd said that I listed measures made by entire committees as my own. He was referring to the statement that said "brought Ralph Nader to campus." Once again, he asked me if I paid for Mr. Nader to speak out of my own pocket. And again I don't think that anyone thought that I did. However, my department has a committee that selects speakers. For a few weeks potential speakers were looked at by my department – me and one or two other senators. On the day that Ralph Nader was chosen, one senator was at the meeting – ME! Vice-President Scott Manguno and student Ashlie Fisher were present and gave their imput, but I assure you no "entire committee" made the decision. So "brought Ralph Nader" seemed legitimate to me.

Perhaps the biggest accusation is that I claimed to write the bill about the theatre fee alone. My flyer did say "wrote the bill to increase funding for the theatre department." If Alan Sypert had written the same sentence, I wouldn't have complained. I did write that bill. So did Alan. I NEVER said that Alan was against the bill. I said that Dustin Floyd was against the bill, and it is on record that he is the only person that voted against the bill on the entire senate. So my question is, if there is one ticket with the main candidate (Mr. Floyd) against a popular measure and the secondary candidate a co-author of the measure and the other ticket with the main candidate a co-author and the secondary candidate in favor of the measure, wouldn't you still vote for the latter. I believe so. Therefore, even if my flyer would have said "co-authored", my tickets still would have won. This is a lesson to Mr. Floyd that maybe his close-mindedness (a.k.a. no increased fees under no circumstances) has finally caught up to him. Mr. Floyd says that is on record being for the bill. What he means is that after voting against it in the senate, he realized what a mistake he had made and so he quickly pretended to be for the bill to get votes. For a man who claimed to want politics out of the race, he surely was playing a good game.

In the end of his letter, he lugs pity out of students. A business with his sign was egged. Well, unfortunately people, dislike him enough to commit such childish acts. It is NOT my fault. I didn't do it and I don't know who did. He claims his signs were ripped down. So was ours. In fact our signs were ripped down within hours of being put up. But I didn't complain. I expected it. With Mr. Floyd being a veteran candidate, I would think that he would expect it too. I never took down one Floyd/Sypert sign. I am a very fair person and frankly, I didn't rip them down because I know I wouldn't like it if my signs were torn down, however elementary that reasoning may be. I'm sorry that Alan's tires were slashed, but people are malicious. I cannot control 6500 students. Blaming my campaign was ugly. But before people go off weeping for Mr. Floyd, I want them to know that my campaign equally encountered wrongdoings and drawbacks. I urge students to step outside this box that Mr. Floyd has lured them into. He keeps telling people that I lied and lied and lied, so now they believe it. The truth of the matter is that he lost by only a few votes and he thinks that if he pulls enough tricks he can weasel his way into office. Senators who have been annoyed at Mr. Floyd's sly tricks and immature behavior (i.e. thongs with his face, Oprah Day, etc.), have suddenly fallen into his trap. I just don't understand.

I have put a lot of time and effort for three years into the SGA. Nearly every single bill that I've written produces a concrete, positive change on campus. It deeply saddens me that I am being deemed a deceitful, dishonest person. I have prided myself on my high ideals of honesty and integrity. I loathe fraudulence and deception. I never intended to mislead or deceive anybody. Mr. Floyd is basing nearly every complaint on a flyer that I wrote late at night after a long day. I was tired and I informally threw something together. Be certain, though, that I've learned the importance of proofreading.

The election is over and we have all learned a lot. I encourage everyone to move on. I am no longer concerned about Mr. Floyd's or any of his followers' schemes. This is the first public response I have made concerning Mr. Floyd's crusade against my victory and it will be my last. I am looking forward to a productive year with almost an entirely new Senate in the Fall. And yes, Dustin, I did look at myself in the mirror this morning, and it smiled right back!

Cordially,
Mindy McConnell
SGA President-Elect

Floyd addresses *Potpourri* content

Dear Friends,

The phone on which I conduct all of my senatorial business has been very busy this week. I have received call after call from students who are shocked, disappointed, and outraged by the imagery portrayed in this year's edition of the Potpourri. I have been stopped by students in the hall and have received multiple emails from constituents who want to know what can be done about this publication that is funded with all of our money. I explained to these students that I felt the same way, I am personally upset that my student fees are going to support a yearbook which has pictures of half-naked students, a student smoking the dope and another doing the acid. THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

Let me say that I was impressed by several articles in this years book. I also wish to compliment the photographers because some of the photos were the best I have seen in years. Not everyone should be held responsible for the actions of those who wrote the offensive material, and the editors who let that trash be published.

I have given my word that I would act on this issue, and that is just what I have done. I discussed the issue with some fellow senators and we have authored SGA SP04-099, a piece of legislation that would put before the entire student body a referendum to remove the Potpourri fee. This measure, if passed, will allow YOU the student to decide if you wish to continue paying 40 bucks a year to sponsor pictures of doobie lighting and acid dropping. If the drug scene is your thing, I would suggest you get a subscription to "High Times", and at least then you could check out the latest hemp fashions and find out what Woody Harrelson thinks about foreign affairs.

I urge everyone who was upset by this years Potpourri to notify your SGA Senator or come to the official SGA Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. I remind you, this is not a measure to censor the yearbook, simply a way to allow the students to decide if they wish to continue to fund an offensive publication. It's your money folks, don't let them spend it on things you are ashamed of!

Respectfully yours,
Dustin G. Floyd
5 Term SGA Senator

[Eds. note: The yearly Potpourri fee is $20, not $40.]

Professor comments on April Fool's, *Sketch*

How does that commercial go - "like it or not you are judged by the words you use". Now, Northwestern could be judged by what appeared in the latest Sauce edition. I can accept what appears to have been an "April Fool Prank" .. the things I observed in the upper left corner of the latest edition of the Sauce or "Sawce". They were "interesting" since it seems in journalism today anything goes and the truth (or is it "trwth") is not necessary for stating the facts of a situation. I'm sure my observations really make little if any difference to the "power people" on the Sauce staff - but one item really needs to be looked at for any "journalists contribution" it makes.

Connor Johnson's "Sketch" .. please tell me that Mr. Johnson misspelled "shirt" when he accidentally left off the "r" .. which allowed the word s--t (I can not make myself type it for the public to see) .. my parents taught me better. OK, I'm an "old foggy" .. I could see 1 occurrence but 19 times. The problem now becomes - what do I tell friends of NSU when they ask about Mr. Johnson's "freedom" to print filth. They will want to know who allowed it and who paid for it - and I won't know what to tell them.

If this is what the Sauce is coming to please be assured that I will no longer allow myself to view it as a "news source" but will now use it to take care of the "paperwork" usually associated with going to the "out house" as was done in the "old days" (please try to use less ink - the "job" is messy enough as it is).

Is it possible that the University no longer cares what is printed. Remember, "spoken or printed" words are like "gun shots" - once you pull the trigger you can't get the bullet back .. good or bad - words hit targets just like bullets. So in the future please think before "pulling the trigger - striking a key" some student, parent, professor or even someone willing to fund a worthy project may just send their money elsewhere.

Dr. A. Richard Tarver
- Old Foggy

Columns

FILLER

I'm Scared



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I realize that I've been doing little more than ranting and raving about the evils of the Republicans for a couple of months now, and I think I've got a lot of people convinced I'm ultra-leftist, criticizing the agenda of the current administration just to rip on the religious right. I want to explicitly state, as the end of the school year draws nearer, that I don't agree with half of what the Democrats say either. I'm attacking the Republican party because they are pushing the current trends in American government I so despise; when I see the terrorism/patriotism furor being flamed over and over again by Rumsfeld, in Bush's speeches, at the 9-11 Commission hearings, news articles with titles like "Does the U.S. Need a Domestic Spy Agency?", censorship laws with loophole-generator words like "indecent" slamming down, legalized warrantless searches (now a policeman can search you, your car, your house, whatever, if "he feels threatened;" fourth amendment, anyone?), I'm watching the checks and balances built into American law be erased.

Some of these are the kinds of measures one would expect to see in the film The Siege, but that movie is about repeated terrorist attacks from an operating cell in New York City; why are we continuing to legislate these kinds of reactions years after the last attack? Has the government announced any defeated terrorist campaigns since 9-11? It reminds me of a joke I heard as a child. Boy: "Why are you clapping?" Girl: "To keep the terrorists away." Boy: "There aren't any terrorists, silly!" Girl: "See? It works!"

My opinions grow from the basic constitutional ideas of freedom for all to do what they want with their lives, equality before the law and protection from what John Stuart Mill called the "tyranny of the majority." The freedoms of speech that we enjoy are based on the idea that ideas themselves have value, that every perspective has something to contribute to the sum total of human knowledge, and all people from all walks of life have something to say about the world we live in. The constitutional freedoms we have exist to protect experiments in living, attempts to find new ways to be happy and grow as a person in the modern world. The idea of America is freedom to live as unconstrained by government as possible while maintaining a healthy society, and the fearful fervor of the modern populace is being played by authoritarian agenda-pushers.

Our government will not be given back to the apathetic. Vote in 2004, whatever you think about the issues. Reach me at SauceFiller@hotmail.com

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A Bumpy ride through The Wonder Years

Making campus life a little better...



By Shantel M. Wempren

And we're back, so it seems. This is the beginning of the end, as they say. Finals are looming, and summer is on the horizon.

I was just thinking of what could be done to make Northwestern better; perhaps something to kick off the fall semester. Of course, Northwestern is a great school with its rolling hills and not so great parking lots and buildings in disrepair. But to make the school better, in addition to all that, we should give it some character. We should use all of that outdoor space and a little creativity for the benefit of all students on campus.

What I am suggesting is merely a modest proposal to make the school more interesting and more student friendly. Wouldn't it be so much fun to fill the empty space between Kyser and Williamson with artists and musicians and mimes and ice cream vendors and Lucky Dog wagons?

It may sound silly, but consider it for just a moment. You could get sketched on a Tuesday afternoon when class is canceled. You could enjoy ice cream or a Lucky Dog while being serenaded by a sax player from the Demon Band. It might actually increase retention and make campus life a lot more interesting. Hell, it works in New Orleans. Throw in some balloon twirlers and tarot card readers and we're all set.

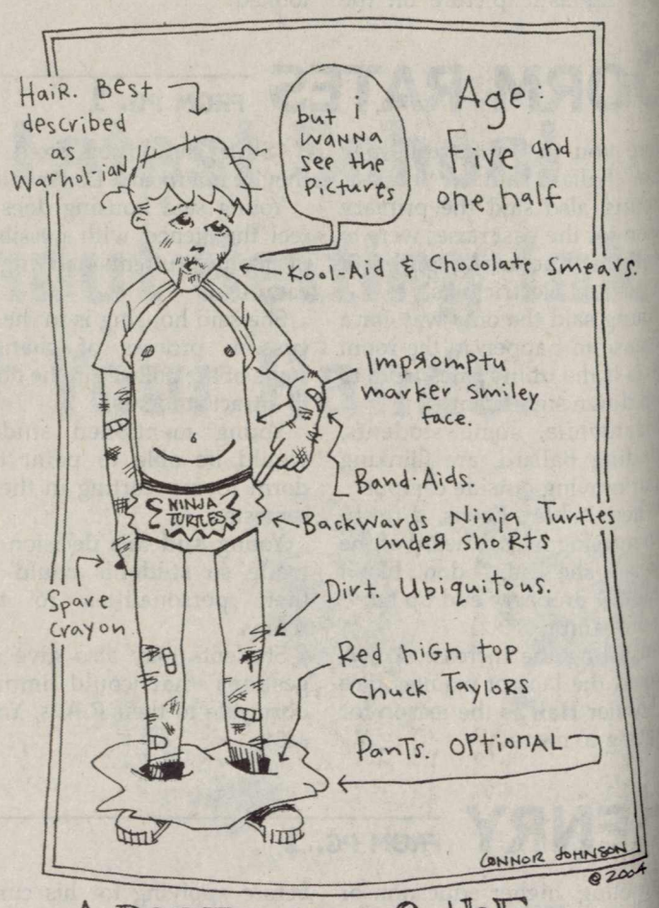
Northwestern can be a circus anyway. The political arena is always exciting. It takes a unicyclist to navigate around the potholes. There are chickens running around, and every once in a while, perhaps even a donkey. Why not make it a little more interesting and retentive? Never mind the arcade games in the WRAC, if its ever finished, and in the Union. Lets get some real entertainment. Lets keep some of those cars in the parking lot on a Friday afternoon, shall we?

Now, I know you're saying that this is a school of higher education and all this that I'm writing is whooy but think about how fun it could be. Couldn't we try it for a week at least?

If I may, I shall pose a final question: what is life without a Lucky Dog?

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Sketch
BY CONNOR JOHNSON



A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN

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The origin of Easter

By Christal Navarre
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For Christians, Easter is the time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the common family traditions of the Easter Bunny, candy and eggs have a different origin.

The Easter holiday is actually related to the pagan celebration of Ostara. Jesus did not walk around Nazareth laying eggs for children to find and dye bright spring colors, nor did he create milk chocolate bunnies for children to get sick on.

The images of the Easter Bunny and the Easter egg originate from the Teutonic goddess Eostre. Holly Stave, an assistant professor of English at the Scholar's College and a Wiccan High Priestess, said that Eostre is associated with the hare, from which the image of the Easter Bunny is derived.

The goddess' symbol is the egg, which symbolizes a coming back to life.

Stave said Ostara is when everything starts anew. Gail Kwak, the government documents librarian at Watson, said to her Ostara is a time of renewal.

"Metaphysically, the vernal equinox is the time when darkness and light are equal in balance," Kwak said. "The spring signifies a return to life and activity."

Ostara is not really a holiday because it is always present, Stave said. Whether or not a person is there to celebrate this time, the spring equinox always occurs.

Ostara, however, determines the date Easter falls on. Stave said that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Ostara can be celebrated in a variety of ways. Stave said that to honor this time witches will plant, chant, reenact myths and sometimes perform the spiral dance, a dance that, when done properly, the spiral starts facing in and ends facing out.

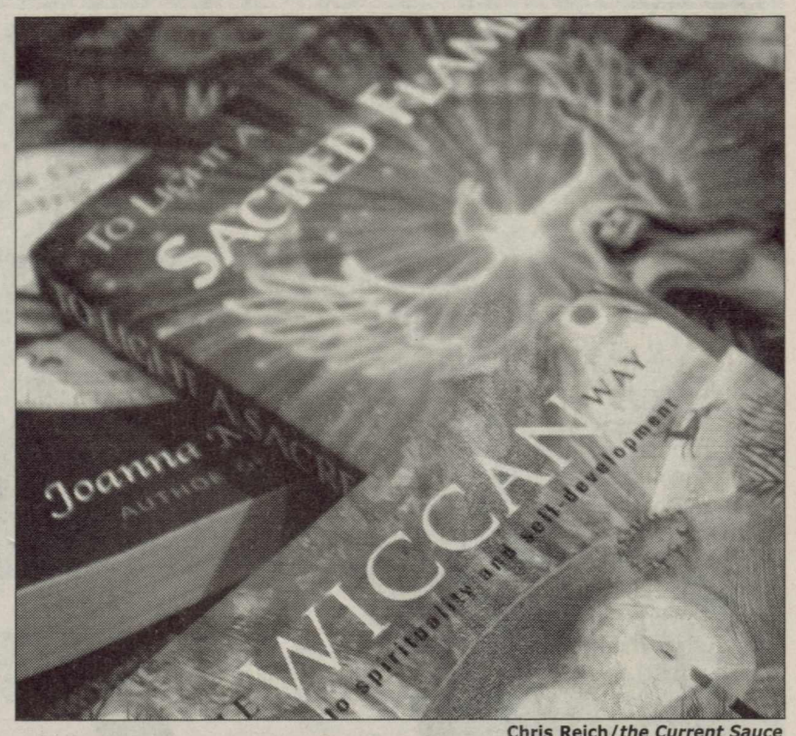
"In Wicca, nothing is set," Stave said. "There is not a set liturgy."

Stave also said Wicca allows for more creativity, and she likes her coven rituals to be group interactive.

This year, Stave said her coven reenacted the myth of Persephone. The myth not only represents the coming of spring and a renewal of life but is also a lesson in life for something that all mothers and daughters go through in life.

Kwak, who is not a member of Stave's coven but a solitary witch, said that for Ostara she plants seeds and makes new year's resolutions.

"I love seeing the cycle of the seasons turn back toward summer when plants grow and flower," Kwak said.



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The art of gaming 3: Game to the end

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Everyone does it.

Sometimes, when stress begins to take its toll, when you just need to unwind or when you just want entertainment, you do it.

Escaping reality is one of the ways people can manage to stay sane in this hectic world.

Some people escape reality through books, some through television, some through art and some through exploring their surroundings.

And some people escape through games.

Games come in many forms: card games, board games, video games and role-playing games (RPGs). Tossing a ball back and forth or having a race could be considered a game. People can play games one-on-one, in small or large groups or through various ways over the Internet.

In some way or form, games have been a part of everyone's lives.

"I've never met anyone who didn't like games," said Monica Conaway, a freshmen vet tech major at Northwestern.

Video games have been around since the 1970s and have been part of every child's life in some way.

"I've been playing video games since I was born," said freshman history major Joseph West. "It's bad when your first memory is playing games."

West said he plays games whenever he gets the time. He plays them to kill time and have fun either by himself or with friends.

"I spend more time in fantasy games than in reality," West said.

Kimberly Ehrhardt, a freshman, said that she plays games because they are good for "stress relief and are a great way to make friends."

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>
> **Joseph West**
> Freshman history major

Michael Mcglothlin said that he has been playing video games since he was five. He watched his older brother playing.

"It looked fun, was fun," Mcglothlin said. He's been playing ever since then.

Mcglothlin, a CIS major, said that he plays games too much.

"Whenever I can get my hands on a game or when I don't have anything more important to do," Mcglothlin said.

Mcglothlin said that his interest in gaming has influenced some of the friends he has. He said that it was how he met some of the people he hangs out with.

"It brought our whole group together," Mcglothlin said. "It's not the focus anymore, but it was a common interest at first."

Ehrhardt said that role-playing games are a good way to "enhance acting and improvisational skills, reduces nervousness about speaking in front of people and help people to be able to make decisions quickly."

Role-playing games, such as Dungeons and Dragons, consist of a group of characters with different social roles from which emerge various classes, West said. You can be a human monk, a half-elf bard or a half-orc ranger, for instance.

Some of the materials needed are rulebooks, dice, scratch paper and a lot of imagination, said West.

You can get the books at any bookstore or hobby shop, so they are easily accessible. There are three core rulebooks, each $30.

West said that role-playing games are basically like the Lord of the Rings. They consist of elves, dwarfs, orcs, dragons, magic, etc.

West likes role playing games because they are basically endless.

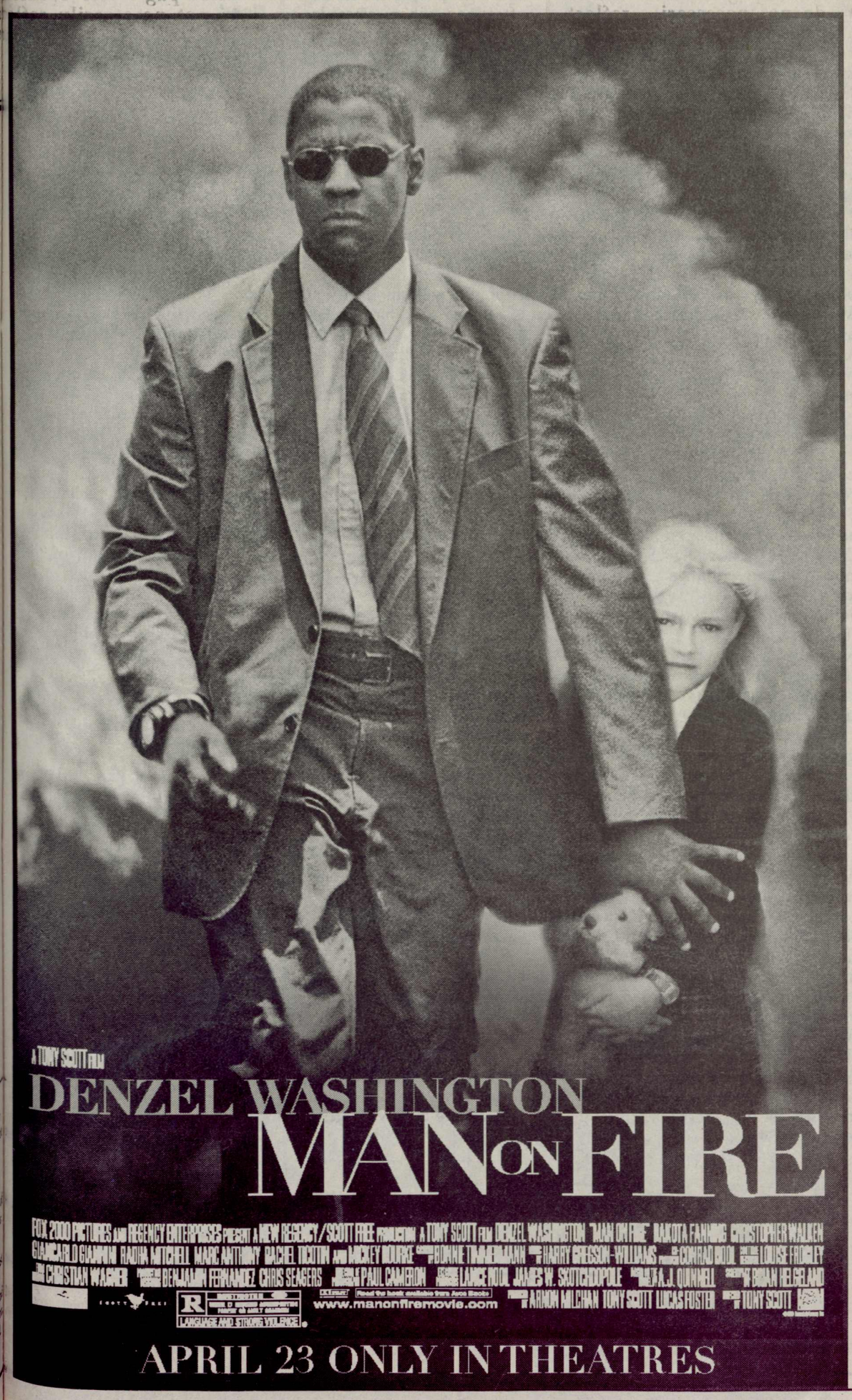
"While there's a direct end for board games and card games, D&D never ends," West said.

What would people do if there were no games at all?

"Be delusional," Tiffany Pennywell, a freshman music education major, said.

"I would program one," Mcglothlin said.

"I'd probably invent some," West said. "There wouldn't be a world without games. Sports are games, hunting can be a game. It's impossible to not have games."



A look inside Books for Baghdad: The History

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Even before the latest war in Iraq, Baghdad University's library was woefully bare.

"There is a dusty nine-year-old journal on neuroscience and an almost new periodical in Portuguese from 1998," reported The Daily Telegraph on Jan. 26, 2001. "In the reference section, the last indices of scientific citations and dissertations date to before the Gulf war a decade ago."

Northwestern State's social sciences department hopes to help fill those library shelves up with newer books — specifically, textbooks that NSU students no longer want.

Greg Granger, a member of NSU's Books for Baghdad committee, said the program can help Iraqis rebuild their long-isolated academic system while showing them that Americans are compassionate people who want to help — an image that Granger said is needed more as violence in Iraq has escalated in recent weeks.

Granger said Baghdad — a diverse city that is home to a million more people than the entire state of Louisiana, and a fifth of Iraq's 25 million citizens — has a thriving middle class with a great interest in higher learning.

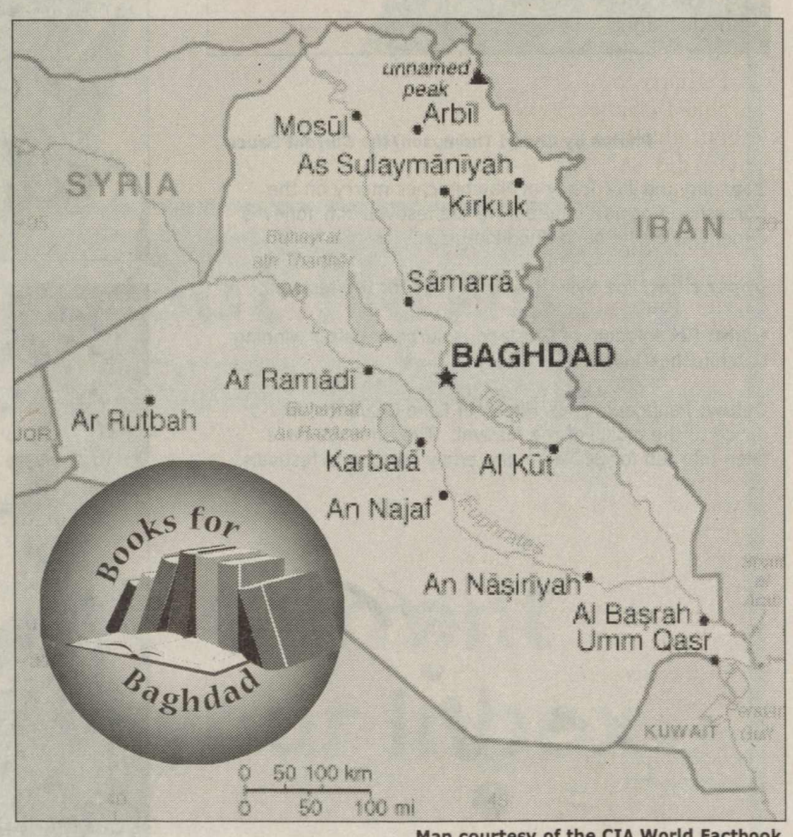
"There are a lot of people with Ph.D.s, more than other Arab countries," Granger said.

However, in a country whose economic progress was stymied for years by Saddam Hussein, Granger said getting Iraqis back on track to a more educated populace is necessary to build a solid economy.

"Economic health leads to political health," Granger said, noting that an economically stable and self-sufficient Iraq would give its residents a better opportunity to resolve its political differences.

Granger said those differences are complex, with three distinct groups struggling for representation, and a simmering distrust of colonization stemming back to Ottoman occupation in the 16th century and British colonization which lasted until 1932.

Muslims make up 97 percent of Iraq's population, according to the CIA World Factbook, with Shi'a Muslims representing more than 60 percent of the population and Sunni Muslims about a third. However, Sunnis have dominated the power structure in Iraq, Granger said, with Hussein, a Sunni, long oppressing Shiites. Also, about three percent of Iraqis are Christian.



Map courtesy of the CIA World Factbook

However, the Factbook said about a fifth of Iraq's people are of Kurdish ethnicity, with many of them living in relative autonomy during much of Hussein's reign. Most of the rest of Iraq's population is Arab.

Granger said the modern history of Iraq has an "artificial" feel to it.

"It's a state with nations in it," Granger said, referring to the League of Nations action in 1915 that created Iraq around the Kurds, Arab Sunnis and Shiites.

Baghdad is right near the center of the country, itself something of a microcosm of the nation, Granger said.

"Baghdad has a little bit of many nationalities," Granger said. "It's the economic center, the political center, but just one of several cultural centers."

With three universities, Baghdad is also a major educational center for Iraq, and Granger said he hopes Books for Baghdad, and similar humanitarian and educational acts, can help make the city a place that can unify those disparate cultural groups into a nation.

He said reports of cooperation between Sunnis and Shiites in the insurgent actions against the U.S.-led coalition represents the wrong kind of cooperation — temporary alliances that will break apart as soon as their common enemy is gone.

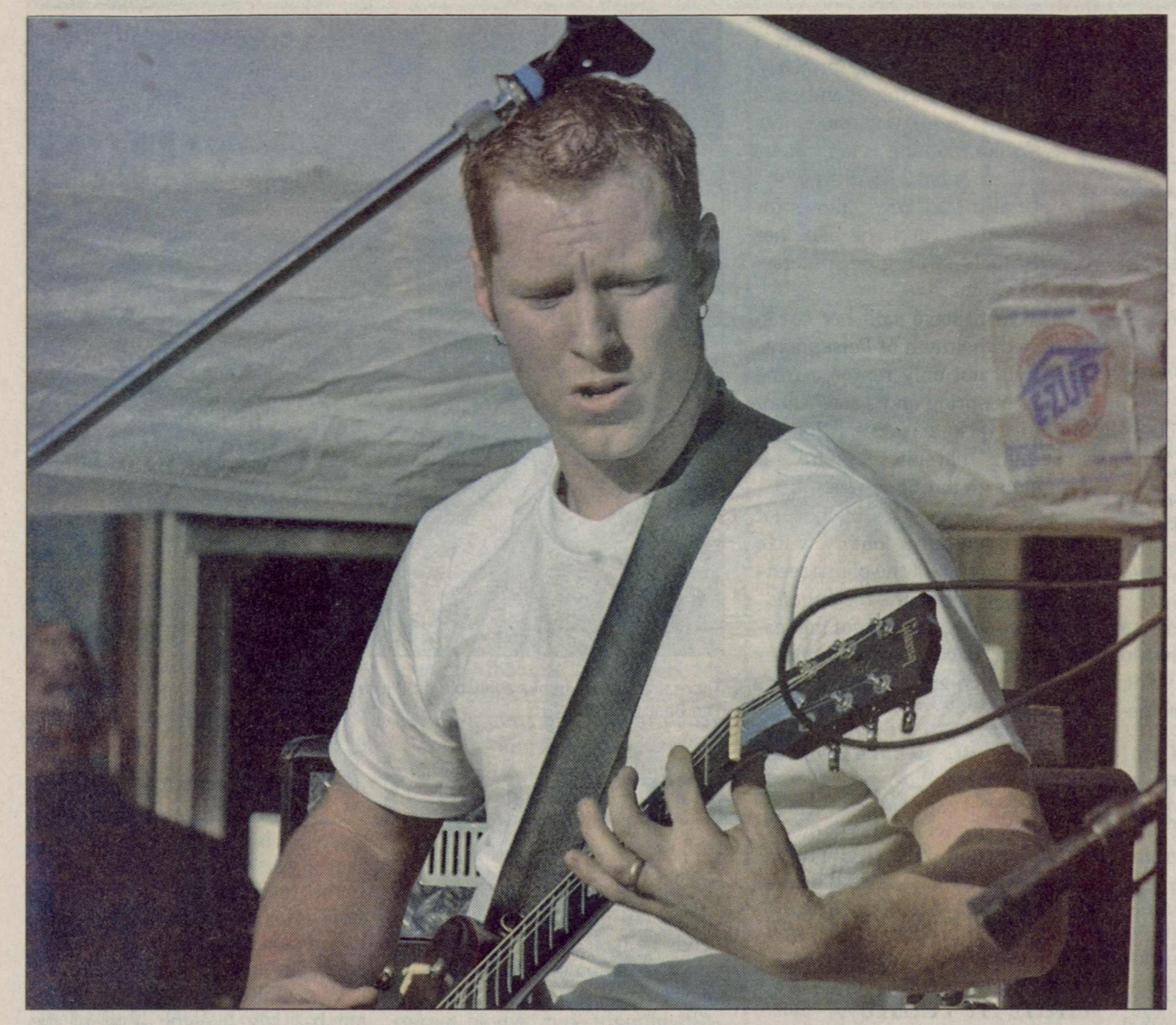
The Iraq-Iran war in the 80s, which unified Shiites and Sunnis under a common flag against Iran, shows that nationalism has the potential to work in Iraq, Granger said.

Through Books for Baghdad, along with similar actions at universities from Harvard to the University of Edinburgh, Granger said the United States and its allies flex their "soft power" — diplomacy and humanitarian aid — to balance their immense military might, or "hard power."

Granger hopes the end result will be a unified Iraq.

"We're going to need more than just books, but we hope this will be a

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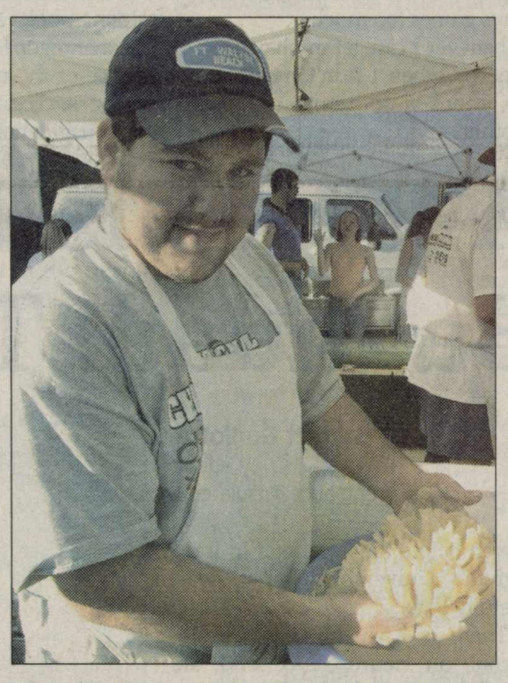
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Left: Blake Lott plays the guitar during a performance at Jazz Fest. Lott is a member of the band 911.

Right: The flag in honor of the festival hangs on Front Street.

All that jazz







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Top: Jim and Joy Toney of Natchitoches marry on the Horseshoe Casino Stage during the festival. Jim Toney is a member of the band The Moondogs.

Upper right: Joe Kyser prepares food for the festival.

Right: Renn Ardoin of Gibsland is surprised after winning Natchitoches Idol.

Below: Paula and Brian Hirsch of Lake Charles slow dance to the music of the festival. The Hirsches have been married for 36 years and enjoy music and festivals.



■ *The City of Natchitoches holds its annual Jazz and R&B Festival at the riverfront.*

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It was a bright and sunny day at the Riverfront Stage in Natchitoches when the Good Ol' Boys took the stage April 3 as one of the opening acts to perform during the annual Natchitoches Jazz and R & B Festival.

This year was the ninth year that the festival was held in the city. It started in 1996, when a group of Natchitoches residents decided it was time to set up a spring festival, said Courtney Hornsby, main street manager for the city of Natchitoches.

"It was originally started cause nothing was going on in Natchitoches during the spring," Mark Adkins, local resident and festival organizer said.

Members of the community, local musicians and city officials came together to plan a local music festival.

Rodney Harrington, local resident and member of Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs, said the Jazz Fest was planned to promote local musical talent as well.

"A group of music lovers got together to start a jazz and rhythm and blues festival," Harrington said. "It was to spotlight local musical talent."

And soon the first Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival began. Now having completed its ninth year the festival continues to expand, drawing crowds in the thousands. Due to the growing popularity of the festival, this year was the fourth year that the festival provided an alternative music stage to showcase the younger talent in the city.

"We started that to get the kids out of the garage and out of their parents' hair," Adkins said. "It gives young talent a chance to showcase their stuff."

The bands did just that on the Ads Parish Red Book Cane River Alternative Music Stage. The festival began at noon when a group of 13- to 14-year-old boys jamming with their grandfather took the stage. The band was the Good Ol' Boys, and they played a set of covers that included "Purple Haze" by Jimmy Hendrix. They were followed later in the day by the bands TNT and Fusion.

TNT played a song praising America while waving the stars and stripes and Fusion, a group of 15- and 16-year-old kids, followed playing covers of Nirvana and Coal Chamber that brought life into a few crowd members during the mid-afternoon heat.

"I think it is pretty cool to come out to play and stuff," said Josh Sepulvado, guitar player in Fusion.

The alternative stage closed out the evening with acts from Nine Eleven, Aesthetic Vibes and D-Sypher, who all brought their own humor and music to show off.

"Fusion, I thought, was pretty good" Nelson Springer, a festival attendee, said. "I kind of liked TNT; they seemed like they had it pretty together."

The Natchitoches Idol competition also held their finals during the festival. The competition was started to help give local talent a chance to meet members of the music industry, Adkins said.

"Natchitoches Idol will become a part of the Jazz Festival from now on," Adkins said.

This year, Renn Ardoin from Gibsland, won the Natchitoches Idol competition. NSU student Dezmond Meeks won second place. Harrington said that he was amazed by how well the competition took off in the community.

"We never dreamed it would do as well as it did," Harrington said. "I would watch it like everyone else and say, 'Wow this is great.'"

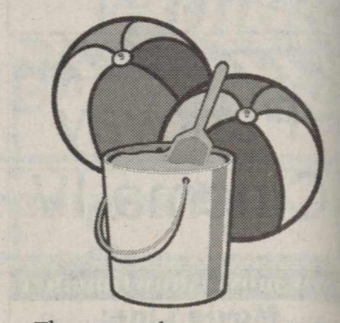
The Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival has been held the first weekend of April for its nine year run. Photos, news and information about past and future festivals can be accessed through the city website at www.natchitoches.com.

Fashionable Focus

Raquel Hill



How to get a "Beachy" Workout



The countdown to summer freedom is at three weeks right now, and most of us have yet to get in shape for the months ahead. Getting in shape doesn't always mean losing weight—however, it does sometimes go along with it. Shaping up, or toning up, is healthy for everyone.

Now is the time to get started on your workout. If you start any later, your results might not be visible until your summer vacation days are over.

I realized that I needed to get started now rather than later when I was recently surfing the Gulf at South Padre Island, Texas.

Surfing is the latest craze, and so is all the work that goes along with it. I was surprised at how fast the sport has traveled from Hawaii and California to South Texas and Florida.

I saw hard, but not necessarily slim, bodies riding the waves and conquering the surf. After talking to a few natives, I researched the workouts and diets that surfers follow.

It turns out that the workouts are even beneficial for us, the land-locked children of Northwest Louisiana. Here's what I found out:

THE BASICS: What You'll Need

1."Kit Loughlins:" breathing exercises. This means five sets of intense meditation and deep breathing. Sit in a quiet place where you can put on a CD of ocean sounds, meditate and concentrate on the rhythm of your breaths for at least five minutes.

2. Swiss ball exercises to work your abs, back and thighs. Don't waste your money on really expensive equipment; go to Wal-Mart and get a giant beach ball (it works the same way). You can do crunches, thigh squeezes and upper-body lifts with this versatile ball.

3. Medicine ball: 15 pounds. Use this in place of free-weights.

4. "Vew-do" Board: half-skateboard, half-seesaw. This piece of equipment is easy to make. All you need is a sturdy rectangular piece of wood, preferably pine, and a small free-weight, maybe eight pounds. Evenly distribute and balance the weight of the board on the free-weight. Get on and teeter back until you are able to balance the weight yourself. This will strengthen your calves and thighs.

GETTING TOGETHER: The Weekly Workout

Day One: Rest and do Kit Loughlins.

Day Two: Do Swiss Ball exercises for no less than 30 minutes and walk briskly for 30 minutes.

Day Three: Get to the pool and practice paddling. Do 600 meters of paddling (just using your arms and upper body—no legs, balancing your chest on your medicine ball) and do Kit Loughlins.

Day Four: Do a shoulder warm-up routine, five sets of 10 chin-ups, Kit Loughlins and shoulder stretches.

Day Five: Swim 30 laps of 25 meters, and do Kit Loughlins.

Day Six: Vew-do board routine for at least 30 minutes and do Kit Loughlins.

Day Seven: Swiss ball exercises, walk briskly for 30 minutes and do Kit Loughlins and chin-ups.

Do this routine regularly, and you'll be on your way to getting a beautifully shaped, toned and sexy body. Good luck and mahalo from your "Saucy Fashionista."

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tradition to voice their opinions. Through the Web site, Martin and Griffin have been able to get supporters to sign a petition showing they want to keep Chief Caddo.

"I believe we have 500 signatures so far," Martin said. "Our original goal was to have 1,000 signatures, but we think we can get more, probably closer to 1,500."

Martin said the petition drive is the only feasible way to show that there are a lot of students on campus who are in support of the statue.

Martin also said he thinks the Board of Regents supports Chief Caddo and that they want to keep it around because they want to do what is best for the students.

Another topic in this debate is the appearance of Chief Caddo. Both sides said the statue looks nothing like the Caddo Nation, but a Plains Warrior instead.

"We don't look that way," Pack said. "It is not even a accurate depiction of the Caddo people. It has a Plains Indian hair dress and the clothes are not Caddo."

Elliot said no matter if Chief Caddo stays or goes, he needs to be changed to look like a Caddo Indian.

"If we are going to use the myth, then the recreation is something I support fully," Elliot said.

Both sides of the opposition understand the opinions and reasons why they are fighting to get rid of or keep the statue.

Griffin said he respected the opposition's opinion but believes it is a radical opinion from a small majority of a minority.

"I can see why they (the professors) are offended, but if they were Caddo Indians themselves then I would believe their opinion that much more," Griffin said. "I view their opinion as wanting something to complain about because they are not Caddo and it is almost moot for them to complain about this."

The Caddo Nation said in a letter addressed to SFA that they are totally opposed to the statue, find it offensive and want SFA to get rid of the statue all together.

The Chief Caddo controversy will be over on April 20 when the Texas Board of Regents meet to decide the fate of the statue.

NSU has had a small role in the Chief Caddo controversy because SFA wants to deal with the controversy themselves.

SFA officials said after a decision is made, NSU could get involved and decide what they want to do with the statue.

Baseball holds off late rally by Tech

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Josh Boop blasted a grand slam while Northwestern State pitchers Russell Dorton and Rusty Jones silenced Louisiana Tech through seven innings Tuesday night before the visiting Demons weathered a comeback try by the Bulldogs to post an 8-5 college baseball win.

Boop's slam boosted Northwestern up 7-1 in the sixth inning. Louisiana Tech posted four runs in the bottom of the eighth but the Demons responded with an insurance run in the ninth and reliever Mike Breaux closed out the Bulldogs.

The Southland Conference-leading Demons (20-13) went to 3-0 against Louisiana Tech (12-16) this year, following earlier 14-1 and 14-3 victories over the Bulldogs.

Bobby Barbier and Miles Durham each delivered three hits and Boop had two, adding a double, as the Demons had 11 hits. The grand slam came with one out in the sixth after Louisiana Tech ace Clayton Meyer, making his first relief appearance of the season after 10 starts, came in to face Boop and had him down in the count 0-2 before the Demon centerfielder hit a towering shot over the left-centerfield wall.

"That was the big blow, no doubt," said Demon coach Mitch Gaspard. "Josh hit a good pitch and it gave us a cushion that as it turned out we needed. Dorton and Jones gave us seven good innings but we had a rocky eighth before we got out of it."

Dwayne Hall, who allowed only one hit in seven innings at Louisiana Tech in February, gave up four hits and was charged with four runs, three earned, in only one-third of an inning as the Bulldogs rallied. Kyle Spangler's RBI double greeted Breaux, who overcame a fielding error behind him to notch a pair of strikeouts and strand two runners in scoring position.

Hunter Thoms lashed an RBI double in the ninth to score Barbier and pad NSU's lead. Breaux, earning his first save, posted two more strikeouts in the bottom of the ninth.

The Demons went ahead to stay in the fifth when Brandon Morgan doubled in Boop, who had doubled, for a 2-1 edge. Boop's home run capped a five-run sixth inning.

After two weekends on the road, Northwestern plays a homefield Southland Conference series starting Friday night at 7 against Sam Houston State. The teams play at 2 on Saturday and at 1 on Sunday at Brown-Stroud Field.

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The Way I See It

Great Teams

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I would like to start off by saying congratulations to Phil Mickelson for winning his first major and to Barry Bonds for passing Willie Mays on the all-time home run list.

I don't care what people say about Bonds, he might be on the "juice", but so was Babe Ruth. No, not steroids but booze and women. But Ruth in my opinion is the one of the greatest in baseball history. Not only did he hit home runs, but he pitched as well.

I would also like to say congratulations to senior pitcher Crista Miller for throwing a perfect game at Demon Diamond on April 3. This was the first home perfect game in NSU history.

Miller extended her school record of no-hitters to six and moved into a tie for fourth place on the career wins list with 45, equaling the total by Cindy Leggett from 1997-2000.

With Miller and freshman sensation Aimee Ford pitching well the Demons could go deep into the Southland Conference Tournament and win the whole thing.

The Demons, Miller and Ford, did not allow a single run against Southeastern Tuesday and Wednesday. That is total domination from the first pitch to the last pitch.

Another team that is smoking is the first place Demon baseball team. NSU is coming off another whipping of Louisiana Tech.

The Demons have now beaten the Bulldogs three consecutive times.

The Demons are picking up wins by their hot hitting. Leading the way for the Demons is Brandon Morgan with a sick .402 batting average. Morgan has 45 hits and 25 RBI on the season.

Tigger Lyles and Josh Boop are also helping the Demons out at the plate. Boop hit a grand slam against the Bulldogs Tuesday, raising his RBI total to 23. Lyles has a .357 batting average while Boop is batting .339.

Another team riding high on momentum is the Demon Tennis Team. The Demons lost to LaTech on Saturday, which was a nonconference game.

The Demons wrapped up the second place spot in the conference and will get a first round bye in the tournament.

The last time the Demons did this well they won a championship in 1994.

Three great teams playing well, so students should be heading out to Brown-Stroud Field, the Jack Fischer Complex or the Demon Diamond to cheer these teams on as they make championship runs in their conferences.

Also, sports fans make sure you check out the NBA and NHL playoffs. If someone tries to tell you they are not important, turn it up even louder and just keep watching. The playoffs only happen once a year so tune and see what is going on. If your girlfriend doesn't understand then tell her to watch and catch the fever.

Keep the Chief?

In Texas, students, faculty and community clash over the biggest trophy in football

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Northwestern State University and Stephen F. Austin University usually fight over who gets to bring Chief Caddo home every year on the football field, but two groups at SFA have been fighting off the field over the traditional statue and whether or not it should even exist.

The fight over Chief Caddo is between the Caddo Indian nation with support from some college professors against the Young Conservatives of Texas at SFA. The controversy is whether or not the statue is degrading to Native Americans.

Chief Caddo is a football tradition between NSU and SFA that started 44 years ago. After the decision to make a statue in 1960, NSU and SFA decided the loser of their 1961 game would have a tree chopped down from its nearby forest to be sent to the winning school, who would have a statue carved.

The Demons won that 1961 match-up 35-19, and SFA delivered a one-ton black gum tree to NSU.

The black gum was then carved into Chief Caddo which is 7'6" tall and weighs 320 pounds.

The wooden statue is awarded to the winner of each year's NSU and SFA game and is symbolic of the kinship between the cities of Natchitoches and Nacogdoches.

The statue was named Chief Caddo to honor the Native American tribe that first settled the two communities.

One argument from the Caddo Nation and professors opposed to the statue is that Chief Caddo is just a myth. The legend of Chief Caddo is he had two sons, Natchitoches and Nacogdoches, and one walked south while the other walked west.

Where the two sons stopped is where the cities were supposedly established. The statue was then carved to honor this great Chief whose two sons founded Nacogdoches and Natchitoches.

James Corbin, professor of anthropology at SFA, said the myth is a fictional story started sometime in the 1920s or '30s which was revamped in '60s when they carved this statue.

"This statue didn't have a name until 1960, so when someone tells me they are honoring this great chief, I am like 'pfffft,'" Corbin said.

"That's a legend we don't go by," Caddo nation member Bobby Gonzales said. "We don't have any legends about that in our oral history."

Another argument against the statue is how Chief Caddo is degrading to Native Americans.

"It belittles American Indians, be it Chief Caddo or Crazy Horse," said Paul Arnold, SFA acting director Office of Indian Affairs.

Eva Pack, SFA assistant coordinator of the Multicultural Center and advisor of the Native American Student Association, said that when she looks at the statue, she does not feel like it is anything for her or Native Americans to be proud of.

"It is not something I want to be portrayed as," Pack said. "This is not the view I want people to have of Native Americans."

Pack also said that Native Americans should not be portrayed as statues, mascots or trophies because they are people.

"We are not against tradition," Pack said. "We are against this stereotypical view of Native Americans."

The Young Conservatives of Texas at SFA are fighting the opposition to the statue and would like to keep the Chief Caddo tradition.

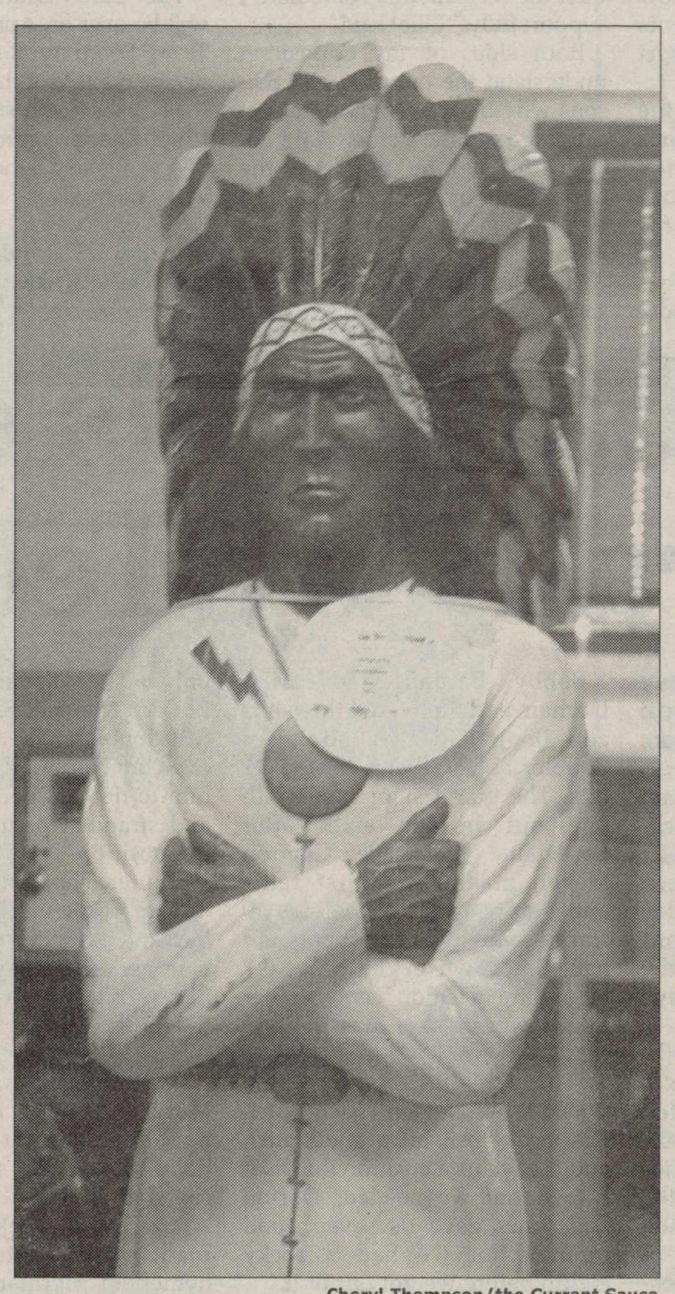
Kenneth Martin, campaigns director of Young Conservatives of Texas at SFA, and Elliot Griffin, member of Young Conservatives, said when the opposition presented their case to the Board of Regents in Texas, the Young Conservatives found out about it.

Griffin said the presentation was about how the tradition should be excommunicated from SFA.

"I find it really offensive because Chief Caddo wasn't created in any derogatory intent," Griffin said. "I believe if something is not derogatory, then to take it away is pure censorship."

Martin and Griffin then started up a Web site called keepthechief.com for students and faculty members who are for the

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Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*
Chief Caddo now sits in the SFA Fieldhouse and awaits a Texas Board of Regents meeting to decide his existence.

Tennis streak snapped



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service
Catalina Villegas hits a serve back to her opponent Saturday against LaTech. The Demons lost against Tech in nonconference action, snapping a nine-game winning streak. NSU is second in conference.

By Flava Belo
Sauce Reporter
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NSU tennis team lost its nonconference match last Saturday against Louisiana Tech after nine straight wins.

In doubles, No. 2 Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto scored for the Lady Demons beating Holly Ready and Kelly for 8-3.

Demons No. 1 doubles Eliza Young and Catalina Villegas, and No. 3 Camila Prado and Magali Van Den Bergh lost their matches, 5-8 and 6-8, respectively.

In singles, No. 2 Zerwick and No. 5 Nieto guaranteed the points for the NSU tennis team. Zerwick defeated Holly Ready, 6-3, 7-5, while Nieto beat Andrea Mancada with a 6-4, 6-4 score.

Senior No. 1 Eliza Young lost 1-6, 0-6. Freshman No. 3 Catalina Villegas lost 0-6, 2-6, while freshman No. 4 Magali Van Den Bergh lost 1-6, 6-7 (2). Junior No. 6 Camila Prado lost 3-6, 5-7.

"It was a tough day. But we rather have an off-day in a nonconference match than at the upcoming conference tournament, where we need to be at our best," Zerwick said.

"We play again next weekend against ULL, which is going to be our last preparatory match before the tournament next week at Mc Neese," Zerwick said.

The NSU tennis team will be playing again on Saturday at noon at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex at the NSU.

NSU vs. UTSA
Courtesy Sports Information

Alexandra Nieto posted a three-set win in the No. 5 singles position Sunday, clinching the ninth straight triumph for the Northwestern State women's tennis team as the Lady Demons beat Texas-San Antonio 4-3 and locked up second place in the Southland Conference, their best finish since a 1994 championship season.

Northwestern (13-3 overall, 9-1 in the SLC) will play a handful of nonconference matches over the next three weeks before the April 23-25 SLC Tournament in Lake Charles. The second-place finish gives NSU a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

Nieto and Anneline Zerwick locked up the doubles point for the Lady Demons Sunday with an 8-5 victory in the No. 2 match, finishing moments after Magali Van den Bergh and Camila Prado were 8-5 victors in the No. 3 doubles.

In singles, Prado made quick work of Sonya Gonzales, 6-0, 6-0, in the No. 6 position. Zerwick raised her SLC singles mark to 9-1 with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph at No. 2 over Massiel Martinez.

Softball wins three straight at home

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Freshmen Amie Ford and Margaret Patterson helped red-hot Northwestern State complete a three-game series sweep of Southeastern Louisiana Wednesday evening as the Demons rolled to an 8-0 win, their ninth in 11 games, in a Southland Conference softball contest.

Only a pair of extra-inning losses keep Northwestern (27-23 overall, 12-9 in the SLC) from an 11-game winning streak.

The sweep vaulted Northwestern into third place in the SLC standings. Southeastern (19-23, 8-13) was outscored 13-0 in the series.

Ford (14-6), who pitched a two-hit shutout Tuesday night, scattered four hits in six innings and struck out four without issuing a walk.

Patterson went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI, with her two-run single keying a five-run sixth that ended the game.

She scored the game-ending run on a base hit by fellow freshman Amanda Glenn followed by an outfield error which allowed Patterson to come across all the way from first base.

Glenn and Kiana Scott had two hits while Nicole Martin had an RBI single to ignite the game-ending sixth inning outburst.

Northwestern goes to play at Sam Houston State this weekend.



Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*
A NSU baserunner slides safely into second base Tuesday against the Southeastern Lions. NSU won all three conference games against the Lions. With the wins, NSU now stands in third place.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (27-23)

April 14, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Southeastern

NSU 8 - SE La Univ. 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	-	F	H	E
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	4	3
NSU	1	1	0	0	1	5	-	8	10	1

April 13, 2004
Northwestern State vs. SE

NSU 1 - SE 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	0
NSU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1

Northwestern State vs. SE

NSU 4 - SE 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	5	0
NSU	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	X	-	4	7	0

Key Player:
Crista Miller
Pitched perfect game vs. McNeese St.
senior pitcher

NSU Baseball (19-13)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Josh Boop
Grand Slam & a double vs. LaTech
Senior outfielder

April 10, 2004
Northwestern State vs.
Texas-San Antonio
(17-15)

NSU 3 - **UTSA 4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	6	1
UTSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	4	6	1

April 9, 2004
Northwestern State vs. UTSA

NSU 8 - UTSA 7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
NSU	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	-	8	16	
UTSA	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	-	7	11	

Northwestern State vs. Univ. Louisiana Lafayette

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	F	H	E
NSU	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	8	
ULL	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	5	11	

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL

Bennett named to All-Academic team

Northwestern State University's Amanda Bennett has been named the Southland Conference's Student-Athlete of the Year, headlining the five-member 2004 SLC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team.

Bennett is the second player from Northwestern State to earn the award this year in their respective sport. Last fall, NSU junior linebacker Pat Mefford garnered the league's football student-athlete of the year award.

Bennett ranked in the top three in scoring and rebounding in the SLC throughout the season, averaging 15.5 points and 7.9 boards per contest. A first-team all-SLC and second team all-Louisiana selection. The junior forward, who has a 3.7 grade point average in psychology.

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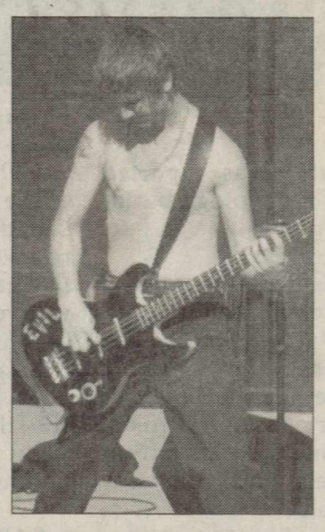
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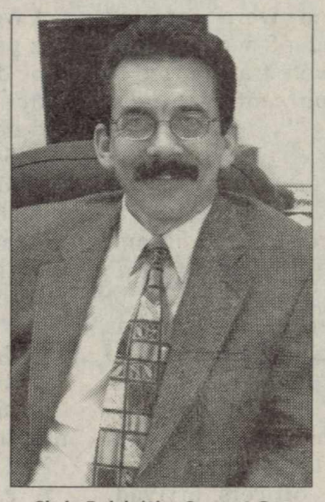
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Webb offers Scheffler VP spot



Chris Reich/*the Current Sauce*
Anthony Scheffler

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce reporter

NSU President Randall Webb has offered Anthony Scheffler the position of provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

Scheffler began a one-year interim term as vice president on July 1 after leaving his position as dean of the graduate school.

Webb then formed a committee to conduct a nationwide search for a permanent vice president. Scheffler applied to keep the position, and now Webb has recommended Scheffler to the University of Louisiana System's Board of Directors. The board will decide Friday whether or not to approve Scheffler for the position.

"If it's approved, then I will be in the position officially, instead of being an interim or acting vice president," Scheffler said. "After that, you just keep doing what you're doing."

The position of vice president carries with it a variety of responsibilities.

Scheffler said the vice president's job is to oversee "anything that has to do with academics, meaning all the colleges, the library, the student services... the registrar, loans, financial aid, all of that falls under it.

"It is responsible for coordination among the department heads to see that the goals that the president sets for the university are operationalized and that we're addressing them... it's a stressful job, frankly."

The responsibilities associated with the position of provost are more loosely defined.

"I think it's anything the president wants it to be," Scheffler said.

"(Provost) is kind of a peculiar term," Scheffler said. "It's just kind of a catch-all term. You pretty much do whatever the president wants you to do... it's a broadly interpreted administrative position."

Although Webb's recommendation almost guarantees that the board will approve Scheffler as vice president, Scheffler said he is prepared for whatever decision the board reaches.

"I never count my chickens until they've all hatched, grown up, and been plucked and eaten," Scheffler said.

Vietnam wall ends local stint

By Amy Walmsley
Sauce reporter

The Moving Wall provided area residents with the chance to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers from Vietnam.

The Moving Wall, which was in Natchitoches April 13-20, is slightly longer than half the length of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and contains more than 58,000 names of soldiers who died in Vietnam.

The Moving Wall came about as a way to give people across the country the opportunity to experience the impact of the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Jenny Corder, former Miss City of Lights, helped bring the Moving Wall to Natchitoches.

More than a year after Corder first proposed the idea of bringing the Wall to Natchitoches, a representative from the Moving Wall organization contacted retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Charles Huggins and told him the Wall would be available this April.

Huggins contacted several local officials, including Mayor Wayne McCullen, and they approved bringing the Wall to Natchitoches.

Huggins said that the Moving Wall was a community event and was meant for more than just veterans. He relied on volunteers from the local community to stay at the Wall all of the time. The volunteers were as diverse as the people who visited the Wall and included NSU sororities and fraternities.

Huggins explained that bringing the Wall to Natchitoches was important because the children needed to know that each name on that wall represents a soldier who died to protect this country.

He also said the local veterans were very appreciative and that attendance had been good throughout the week. Huggins said that there were a lot of emotional responses from people upon seeing the Wall.

Fran Rushford said she knew first-hand how emotional visiting the Wall can be.

"I still can't see it without crying even after all these years," Rushford said.

She said she came to the Wall for Victor, a friend of hers who committed suicide after returning from Vietnam.

Rushford, who was a peace advocate in the 1960s, said, "They say (Vietnam) was never a war, but look at all these names."



Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*
Lester Keeth, at left, and Cadet Matthew LeBlanc, an NSU freshman history major, take down the Moving Wall Wednesday.

Potpourri stirs SGA senate

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy editor

After a stern warning of potential legal action supported by a former SGA president, the student senate voted to complain about the student yearbook, the *Potpourri,* but decided against giving individual students the option to refuse paying the fee.

(In the interest of disclosure: The computers used by the Current Sauce, and some of the software, cameras, scanners and travel expenses it uses are paid for by funds collected through the $20-per-year *Potpourri* fee.)

The senate passed resolution SP04-036, sponsored by Sen. Keith Gates, in which the SGA "does hereby express its outrage over the article on pages 052 and 053 of the 2004 NSU Potpourri Yearbook and does condemn such ludicrous 'journalism' and the wasteful use of good, hardworking students' money." It also claims the *Potpourri* encouraged "illegal and shameful" conduct — the cited pages covered student drug use, with photos of students using acid and marijuana — and said the article on the pages "will surely bring shame and degradation upon NSU."

Gates struck a part of the resolution that claimed the SGA had the power to place the *Potpourri*'s fee before students.

In a roll call vote, senators passed the resolution 13-5.

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Argus reception, distribution set

By Kyle Carter
Sauce reporter

This year's *Argus* has been given a new look and new forms of publicity to help it get exposed to students.

Angelin Adams, *Argus* editor in chief, has made several new plans to draw attraction to the issue slated to come out next week. Her first step in drawing attention to the school literary magazine has been to use Kimberly Brammer's radio show from 8-10 p.m. today to promote the new *Argus*.

"Thursday the 22nd, Kimberly Brammer has agreed to set aside her radio show for other contributors to read their work, people who did not win the contest but still did fabulous work," Adams said.

As another aspect to her promotion plan, Adams has scheduled a reception on Monday to act as an *Argus* release party. At both events, students have been asked to talk about their works. During this evening's radio show, Brammer and Adams have planned to ask questions of the readers and take calls concerning the works, Brammer said.

At Monday's reception, the contest-winning art will be displayed, and the winning authors have been asked to read their works. The reception has been planned for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will be open to all to attend.

"I think it is necessary to recognize the winners and contributors," Adams said.

The new promotion has not been the only major change to the *Argus*. This year's magazine has seen both

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Sauce on the side

NSU theater's *A Raisin in the Sun* begins tonight

The NSU cast of the play *A Raisin in the Sun* will start its production today at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

A Raisin in the Sun is a play written by Lorraine Hansberry and based on the Langston Hughes poem *A Dream Deferred*. It deals with a black family in the 1960s that struggles with everyday life and the decision to move into a predominately white neighborhood.

Making up the play's cast are NSU students Harvard Taylor, Bryan Williams, Ida Henderson, La Wana Felton, Lawryn Wallace, Shawndray King, Todd Williams, Shane Stelly, Teddric Mathews, T. Bo Hampton, and Krystal McBay. The play also stars Mario Fox, a student at Natchitoches Central High School.

Vicki Parrish, an associate professor of theater, is director of the play. She says the main purpose that *A Raisin in the Sun* deals with is economic discrimination and racism.

"Our focus in the play is that we are ostracized by our (economic) class," Parrish said.

A Raisin in the Sun will continue to run every evening at 7:30 for the next nine days except Monday. General admission is $5; students get in free with student ID.

Shameka Peters

Potpourri staff to host focus group on 2004 yearbook

The *Potpourri* staff will be hosting a focus group on the 2004 yearbook Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Ora G. Williams Television Studio.

Darla Willford, who was recommended by the Media Board as next year's *Potpourri* editor on April 14, said the purpose of having a focus group is to get students' opinions about this year's yearbook, such as what they liked, did not like and what they would like to see in next year's yearbook.

However, Willford said that more would be discussed at the focus group than this year's controversial spreads.

"We're not just going to talk about four pages of the yearbook," Willford said. "We will be discussing the entire book."

All students are invited to attend the focus group.

Elaine Broussard

Short-fiction writer, former professor to read and lead workshop this week

Short-fiction writer and former NSU English professor Anthony Bukoski will offer a reading from his works and a workshop on creative writing and publishing on campus this week.

NSU and Scholars' College philosophy professor Fraser Snowden said the reading will take place today at 7 p.m. in Morrison Hall Room 227. The workshop will also be in that room Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. The Book Merchant on Front Street will then host a book signing for him from 4 to 6 p.m.

Snowden said Bukoski was an English professor at NSU for one year. During that time, Bukoski published his first short story collection, the 1986 release *Twelve Below Zero*.

Bukoski is currently an English professor at the University of Wisconsin in Superior. He is working on his fifth short story compilation and researching a novel about Polish immigrants working in the sugar fields of south Louisiana.

"That's basically what he writes about, the Polish-American experience," Snowden said.

Although most of Bukoski's stories are set in the Superior area, "as a result of living here in Natchitoches for a year or so, he... has some stories set up in Natchitoches and Shreveport," Snowden said. "His books have been well reviewed... he's acknowledged as a fairly important young writer."

"(Bukoski) is a college professor, but his real love is his fiction," Snowden said. "All of his energy goes into that. It's a shame he's not still here."

Kyle Shirley

NSU News22 Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	T-storms	T-storms
86°/67°	87°/65°	81°/63°	80°/60°

Correction:

Last week's story "Dorm costs to increase this fall" stated that Kristina Bullard resides in Sabine. Bullard actually lives in Dodd Hall.

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Sens. Patrick Feller, Kelli Miller, Mindy McConnell, Zach Pulliam and Shantel Wempren voted against it.

After that resolution, which took no action other than to express the SGA's opinion, the senate voted 13-3 to indefinitely postpone bill SP-04-099, "The Students'Choice Act of 2004," that would have placed the *Potpourri*'s fee up for renewal in the fall.

The bill, which had been sponsored by Sens. Gates, Dustin Floyd and Jack Halford, was changed before voting to remove Floyd and Gates as sponsors and statements that echoed the earlier resolution's content.

Before voting, senators heard a lengthy speech by *Potpourri* adviser Mary Brocato. She said the *Potpourri* had "languished in our closets" because students viewed it as irrelevant.

"I will tell you that the copies of the yearbooks this year are flying off the shelves for some reason," Brocato said.

She read from a letter written to her by the Student Press Law Center of Washington, D.C., which said the SGA's actions appeared to be a violation of the U.S. Constitution's first and 14th amendments, and that there were several U.S. Supreme Court precedents that made it unconstitutional for a university, including its student government, to punish a student publication's content by changing, removing or allowing another group to change or remove its funding.

Brocato also brought up a 1991 case at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, where the student editor of their yearbook was fired for including a picture of man eating spaghetti off a woman's bare breasts.

Brocato said the editor sued the university and won $45,000 in punitive damages.

"So I will also tell you that I suspect, having been a member of the media for a long time, that some of the ramifications of taking this kind of action, you really don't want them to happen," Brocato said.

"I'm going to tell you the press is going to jump on this," Brocato said. "And if you think what was in the yearbook was bad and you didn't like it, it's going to get a lot worse, because you're going to have state newspapers in here.

"You're going to have all kinds of press coverage of a university and a student government association trying to censor student media or trying to punish student media because of something that was in there that perhaps you didn't agree with or you didn't like," Brocato said.

Soon after, former SGA president and SGA Graduate Adviser David Gunn, during a farewell speech that admonished the SGA for infighting, also reassured Brocato that the administration would keep the *Potpourri* operating.

"Lawsuits could happen. Punitive damages could happen," Gunn said. "The students could be deprived of a publication. I can assure you with 100 percent certainty that they will not."

Gunn said he believed that because he believes the people in the room agreed with Brocato and the first amendment; and if the senators did not, then SGA President Greg Comeaux did; and if Comeaux did not, University President Randall Webb would.

"As religious and moral and wonderful as a man Dr. Webb is, he may have his personal convictions and personal values system ... may disagree with that (content)," Gunn said. "But he kind of outweighs that by a realistic dislike for lawsuits. So I don't think that's going anywhere."

During the debate of the resolution, senators expressed their dislike for the *Potpourri*.

"I don't do drugs and don't have casual sex," said Sen. Abby Brocato, no relation to Mary Brocato, while referencing another part of the yearbook that showed two students embracing under a blanket. "I didn't do it in my college years, so I don't want it in my yearbook."

Feller said that he had never done drugs — "I'm a virgin," he said, to great laughter from the senate — but added that it is not government's place to ask media to change its content, and noted that the articles — especially the text of the articles — "in no way" promoted drug use or sexual promiscuity.

"Those are things that are going on and should be reported," Feller said. "It's ridiculous to be condemning journalists for doing their jobs."

Sen. Jerry Whorton wanted to know how "the other 80 percent" of students were represented, and how students like him were ignored.

"That is tacky and irresponsible," Whorton said.

Potpourri editor Christine Harper said the stories were balanced, noting that above the picture of the embrace was a picture of students holding hands and wearing abstinence rings.

Also, she said the story on drugs told about a student whose life was ruined by drug use.

Floyd said he did not support publications like the pornographic magazine Playboy and drug-centric magazine High Times with his money, so questioned why he was required to support the *Potpourri*.

"Eight of 10 students would say the yearbook is trash," Floyd said.

Gates noted that the "article on weed smoking" was unsigned and asked if the *Potpourri* was too ashamed to print the name. He also wondered where the line should be drawn about covering the campus in the yearbook.

"There have been rapes on campus," Gates said. "Are we going to take pictures of people being raped and put it in the yearbook?"

He said the SGA should send a message to the students and staff about the content.

"That is something we want to condemn, and condemn the people who made the yearbook," Gates said.

This is the third academic year in a row that the SGA's actions have stirred controversy within student media. In the fall of 2001, when Floyd was speaker of the senate, senators voted to remove then-*Current Sauce* editor Rondray Hill.

Floyd then said that the SGA was forced to take action because Hill was violating the SGA's bylaws by refusing to print the senate minutes.

Rusty Broussard, the SGA's president at the time, vetoed the action as the senate was facing threats of legal action.

In spring 2002 the senate, led by Floyd, voted down the board's first selection for the *Argus* literary magazine, Shane Erath.

That fall, the senate then stopped short of approving a bill, written by Floyd, that would try to delay a second Media Board recommendation. Floyd had mentioned seeing and signing a student petition to end funding to the *Argus* while debating the delay.

The senate then put a bill broadening the qualifications for student media leaders before students, which was passed, and approved Glenn Ward as *Argus*' editor.

While Ward's *Argus* contained a photograph of a topless woman, the SGA took no action.



Derrick Doyle/*the Current Sauce*
Marianna Spicer-Brooks speaks to students Monday in the Ora G. Williams television studio in Kyser Hall.

CNN's Spicer-Brooks speaks with students

By Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief

Journalists have to make tough choices. Sometimes photos or video may be controversial and ethical decisions need to be made on whether to air them.

The Director of News Standards and Practices for CNN Marianna Spicer-Brooks, visited NSU Monday and lectured about "Ethics in the Media." The speech was part of the News Makers and Shakers forum sponsored by the Department of Journalism.

She explained how her staff chose to show mutilated, bloody images of Saddam Hussein's dead son Uday. Some had the opinion that the photos were too explicit for television.

She said that sometimes you have to make tough decisions.

"I wouldn't have shown the dead bodies. I would have waited for the DNA evidence to come in," said Department of Language and Communications Head Joseph Colavito.

"We did not want to be in a position where we were sanitizing what was coming in," Brooks said.

Photos also need to be in context. Brooks said it is important to warn the public that photos or footage may be graphic before showing them.

After the Rhode Island nightclub fires, her organization had to decide if the footage from the event should be aired.

Brooks said journalists have to ask how important it is from a news standpoint.

In the case of underage victims, Brooks said that they do not generally report the face or name of the victim or crime.

Jared Dunahoe, a journalism student, raised the point that journalists should ask the family on running photos of sexually assaulted children.

"If it's a rape victim, we don't show their picture," Brooks said.

Brooks said that they try to make the decision on whether the photo is helpful.

"It's a case by case basis," Brooks said. "There's no standard answer to it."

She ended her speech by reminding students to ask what news reasons there are for putting it on the air.

"You really need to make your decision based on journalistic reasons," Brooks said.

ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

4-14-04
8:52 a.m.
A computer was reported stolen from the biology building.
3:11 p.m.
A disturbance involving a man and woman arguing in a parking lot was called in. The woman was highly upset because the man would not return her keys. Officers obtained information from both parties, and the keys were returned.
3:57 p.m.
The infirmary contacted campus police to advise that a Natchitoches Parish ambulance was on its way for a student having chest pains.
8:05 p.m.
Three men were arrested with the aid of a city police unit. They were transported to the detention center at 10:51 p.m.

4-15-04
2:11 p.m.
A woman called in a hit and run.
2:14 p.m.
A man from the Columns called to report people who should not have been there. They were trying to force through the gate; the bars were bent. The suspects were gone when officers arrived. Management did not wish to press charges.
7:30 p.m.
The city police department called in reference to three runaway kids headed toward the golf course. Two officers were dispatched.
10:50 p.m.
A resident of married student housing called because she thought she saw something tied to a tree. There was nothing there.

4-16-04
8:59 p.m.
A desk worker from Rapides called to report a fight.

4-17-04
1:47 a.m.
A woman called in reference to a person in a Suburban that kept driving past the Student Union and threatening her and her friends.
10:58 a.m.
Students wanted to file a report on a fight. One woman's finger was bitten, and she wished to press charges.

4-18-04
9:52 a.m.
A caller reported horses running loose by the Coliseum.
7:22 p.m.
A call was received from Rapides Hall's front desk in reference to a man who was caught breaking the fire alarm. Two officers were dispatched.

4-19-04
8:18 a.m.
Several items were reported missing from the third floor of Kyser Hall.
1:26 p.m.
An officer was en route to the Student Union with a student who was assaulted with a weapon and had his keys stolen.
4:44 p.m.
A man called in to report some laptops missing from Kyser Room 110.
6:22 p.m.
A fight between two women was reported at the Columns. The subjects were gone when officers arrived, and a black Honda Civic had been damaged during the fight.
11:18 p.m.
There were reports of people screaming and running out in front of vehicles at the Natatorium.

4-20-04
12:02 p.m.
A fight was reported in front of Rapides Hall.

Elizabeth Bolt

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Student Activities Board

SAB crawfish boil – Today 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. in front of Prather Coliseum

Northwestern Theatre Department

"The Black Crook" – April 25 at 2 p.m. and April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredricks Auditorium

American Chemical Society

The ACS will hold a Texas Hold 'em tounament tonight at the NSU Recreation Complex on the Hwy. 1 Bypass. Buy in is $5 and begins at 6 p.m. One prize of $100 will be awarded.

National Association of Black Journalists

The NABJ will present the second annual "Foolin' Around with Fashion" show. The show will be held Friday in the Alley at 7 p.m. Admission is $1.

Hospitality, Management and Tourism Foundation

The Cane River Culture and Cuisine Festival will be held at the south end of Front st. today from 5:30-8 p.m. Food tickets are $1 and most items will cost 2-3 tickets. Fourteen area restaurants will be participating.

McConnell unsuccessfully impeached

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy editor

A majority of senators voted to remove SGA President-Elect Sen. Mindy McConnell, but failed by four votes to gain the two-thirds majority necessary.

Ten senators voted to remove McConnell, but the senate needed 14 votes — two-thirds of the senate's active membership — for the impeachment to be successful. Eight senators voted against removing McConnell.

Sen. Matt Bartley, who announced articles of impeachment with the senate on April 12, withdrew his charges of malfeasance and a violation of the Student Code of Conduct at the beginning of the hearing. He said he believed McConnell was guilty of malfeasance, or misconduct, but not as he had charged in his articles, and noted that without action by a University judicial officer, there could not be a violation of the code of conduct.

That decision left charges of misusing SGA property and misappropriating state property before the hearing.

"She has dragged the name of the SGA through the mud," Bartley said. "She violated the oath she took when she took office."

Bartley reiterated his charges, presented last week, that McConnell misused her knowledge of the copier access code to create flyers for her presidential campaign and used SGA property for her personal benefit.

"She abused her power, plain and simple," Bartley said.

McConnell objected to the late withdrawal of those two articles of impeachment, saying that her defense was centered on disputing those articles. Hearing chair pro-tem Kristen Huben said that there was no problem with Bartley withdrawing impeachment charges without notification.

In her defense, McConnell said she did not know the copier's access code because of her position as a commissioner and cabinet officer.

"I had the code as a senator," McConnell said. "Any senator has the code."

She called the only witness brought before the hearing, SGA President Greg Comeaux, who testified under oath that there was no written rule about who should know the copier's access code.

"If someone asked me (what the code was) in the fall, I'd've said no," Comeaux said. "But in the spring I was much more lenient."

McConnell also said she thought it was "mighty presumptuous" for the senate to prosecute her on state laws, on which Bartley's charge of misappropriating state property was based.

She referred to the 2001 senate action to remove former *Current Sauce* editor Rondray Hill, during which senators violated state public access laws by voting by secret ballot. No senators were impeached for violating those laws.

She also said she did not know about the laws against using state property for elections and personal benefit.

"I almost didn't want to give a defense because this is just ridiculous," McConnell said.

She added that Sen. Jerry Whorton was impeached for failing to complete two pieces of legislation, and, mistakenly, not fulfilling his office hours. Whorton was present for the Monday meeting and hearing.

Whorton was unsuccessfully impeached in February for completing only one piece of legislation. The senate had unanimously absolved Whorton, who was defended by McConnell's vice president-elect, Speaker of the Senate Zach Pulliam, at that meeting.

"I've done everything I've been asked to do," McConnell said. "What can you impeach me for?"

She stressed that she had not wanted to be a commissioner, but was persuaded to do the job because "nobody else wanted it."

In deliberations, Sen. Dustin Floyd said that allowing University officials to tell SGA members how to govern their positions would not benefit the students.

"We are going in very dangerous territory," Floyd said.

Sen. Shantel Wempren dismissed claims that the state law-based infractions were irrelevant, saying that the ethical implications were relevant and that ignorance of the law was no excuse for violating it.

Sen. Patrick Feller, who wrote unrelated promotional materials for McConnell's campaign, estimated that about $1 of toner was used to make the copies, which were done with McConnell's own paper.

"If we want to impeach her over a dollar ... this impeachment is dragging the SGA's name through the mud," Feller said. "Just because we can lay out discipline doesn't mean we have to impeach someone."

Whorton said that comparing his impeachment over failing to turn in a piece of legislation to her being impeached for misusing state property was a bad idea.

He said the state law was written "in a way anyone can read and interpret. She used it (the copier) for her election; she used it for personal use."

Sen. Keith Gates admitted that the senate cannot prosecute someone for violating state law.

"But when someone's actions hampers our work, dirties our name and makes us look bad, we have the duty to impeach," Gates said. "We're not voting to impeach because they violated Louisiana Statute three-hundred-something. We're voting to impeach someone for impeding our work."

Floyd, who was McConnell's opponent in the presidential election, said the SGA must impeach McConnell so that some disciplinary action would take place.

The University's Student Affairs Vice President Dan Seymour overturned the SGA Election Board's prescribed punishments for misusing the copier and allegedly misleading students in election materials.

"Are we going to let wrongdoing happen, be admitted to in the paper and not take any action?" Floyd said.

Sen. Kelli Miller noted that senators use the SGA computers, which are paid for by student funds, are often used for gaming and printing flyers for Greek organizations, and asked why senators are not being charged for that.

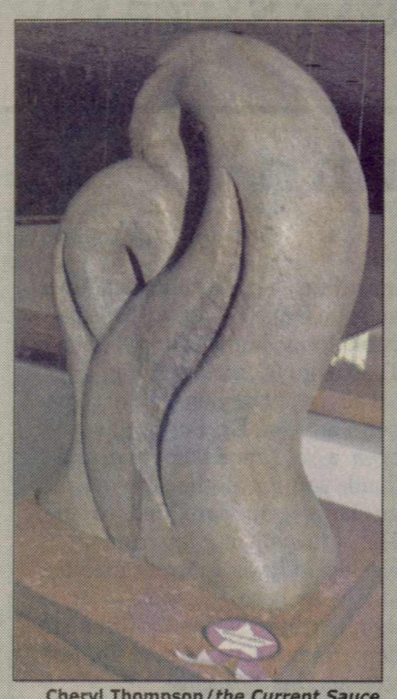
Voting against McConnell's removal were Sens. Feller, McConnell, Miller, Pulliam, Amanda Almond, Abby Brocato, Mary Burroughs and Jack Halford.

Voting for her removal were Sens. Bartley, Floyd, Gates, Wempren, Whorton, Chris Mason, Ken Menard, Robert Silvie, Jena Simon and Alan Sypert.

2004 student art show



Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*



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Johanna Owecki won honorable mention for her sculpture titled "Couple."

Dan Grissom won a people's choice award with "The Echoing Green," a portrait of his grandfather. The art show will be on display in the Orville Hanchey Gallery through April 30.

Research Day showcases student/faculty work

By Anthony McKaskle
Copy editor

The NSU Research Council sponsored the 17th annual Research Day Thursday.

The event showcases student, staff and faculty research done in recent years.

"It's a place where people can get together to share what they've been working on," said SGA Vice President Scott Manguno.

Manguno presented his Scholars' College thesis, Must Carthage Be Destroyed?: A Comparative Look at the U.S. Led Regime Change in Iraq in 2003 and the Roman Total Destruction of Carthage in 146 BCE.

"Research day is an opportunity to practice, to present in front of others," Manguno said. "This is a great chance to share what you've learned and when you get positive feedback. It's very rewarding."

Nathan Hutchings, assistant professor of biological sciences, also said students were able to practice speaking and networking at Research Day.

"It gives faculty and students an opportunity to see what going on at NSU and provides another level of education that's stress-free," Hutchings said. "Faculty and students can build relationships."

Hutchings said that the importance of Research Day was based on the importance of research itself.

"Research is true learning," Hutchings said. "You not only have to understand a principle, but also apply that principle to a problem."

Hutchings said that research is an important type of learning that students normally do not in a classroom.

"It's not suitable," Hutchings said. "We can't build a class around research because it's too unpredictable."

Hutchings presented on RNA Inference of the Trypanosome PF20 Gene. Hutchings said it explains the function of the cytoskeleton to cell motility in blood parasites.

"How do these parasites swim around?" Hutchings said. Hutchings added that these parasites cause lethal diseases and travel from insects to mammals.

"If we can understand cell motility, we can, potentially, fight this disease," Hutchings said.

Also presented at Research Day was the Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

"The award is made for outstanding research or distinguished artistic performance and/or creative work substantially completed during the past three years," according to the NSU Research Day Handbook.

The winner this year was Julie Kane of the Language and Communication department.

"You know she's a great teacher and a fine researcher," University President Randall Webb said.

For more information on Research Day, contact Acting Director Priscilla Kilcrease of the Office of Research and Sponsored programs at 357-5222.

ARGUS FROM PG. 1

interior and exterior changes to add to its value. Dan Grissom, senior graphic communications major and designer of the 2004 *Argus*, said he had an idea for a more minimalist style magazine. Grissom wanted to create a change from past issues of the *Argus*, separating the *Argus* into sections of art, photography, poetry, fiction and nonfiction.

Along with new inner design changes, Grissom also came up with an idea to encase the *Argus* in a protective sleeve. He got the idea from a music CD that used the same kind of delicate paper for the inside booklet as the cover to the *Argus*.

The theme of this year's magazine was "Unveiled." For this, the staff chose to use a more fragile cover paper to add to the artistic value of the magazine. Grissom said because the staff changed printers they were able to save money using this style over the cost of using the old printer to do a standard book.

"I wanted to do something that you are not used to seeing," Grissom said. "The *Argus* is a literary magazine, and that allows you to play with it a little more."

Julie Kane, an assistant professor of English and faculty advisor to the *Argus*, said that she is happy with the changes made with the magazine. Kane said she felt Adams has good ideas for the *Argus*, and that Adams is trying to make it the best publication she can. Kane said that it is great that Adams is working to raise awareness of the magazine.

"I think it is wonderful to make students more aware that this past fall's *Argus* won fourth place nationally in the Associated Collegiate Best of Show Literary Magazine competition," Kane said.

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Column



By Kristen Dauzat
Editor in chief

I would like to give my staff one last assignment before my editorship is over. Please open up any Quark document, draw a text box, select the anchor tool and the box, and then click at all at the same time—shift, option, apple and K. That solves all unexplained mysteries.

Being editor-in-chief of this publication has been the most time consuming thing that I have ever done. It has also been the most rewarding. In the three full years that I spent on staff, I made so many memories. I will never forget dressing-up as SGA members on Halloween, having "Newspaper" parties, driving to Leesville to take Spanish with Pat and the hilarious duo - Kaleb Breaux, and Rob Morgan. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people who will remain with me for the rest of my life.

There are so many people that I want to thank and, of course, I need to start by thanking my entire staff. I have always thought of our staff as a family – a family that watches hockey together. Each member of our family participated in putting together an award-winning publication this year. Every staff position contributes to our success and allows our publication to be picked-up and read. We've had some crazy things happen this semester, including aliens blasting headlines and Tasha's mystery "special" book donor, but we survived it all. Thanks guys, for everything.

I also want to thank the newspaper's adviser, Dr. Furr. You have been a role model for me and I thank you for all the support and guidance you provided to me. The journalism department is blessed to have a faculty member like you. Also, I would like to thank the entire journalism department, especially to Dr. Ralston and his 2520 class.

Mrs. Dootsie: Thank you for putting up with all of my confusion and helping with the contracts.

Dr. Petitjean: Thanks for "Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun" and giving me the confidence to know that I can do anything.

Elaine: My young Smithers, thanks for keeping my head aligned. *"Excellent."* Your hard work is about to pay off. Good luck with the paper.

Most importantly, thank you Garrett. You have been my best friend and worst enemy, and I will never forget you. Your insight and understanding have always been things I've cherished.

For my final thanks, I would like to thank myself. Self, thank you. I couldn't have done any of this without your help.

Oh yeah, props to *Potpourri*—your book reflects true college life. And kids, Poker Night is tonight at the Rec. Complex. —Be there or be square.

Remember, if nothing else, we had a crossword puzzle.

I'm out. So long, and thanks for all the fish.

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Column

FILLER

Wonders never cease



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

Let it be called from the heavens that I do not agree with Dustin Floyd! I think his attack on the pictures in the yearbook reads like regular right-wing censorship propaganda, and words like "trash" don't do anything to actually illuminate why photographs of students doing drugs have no place in the yearbook. I do, however, think that photographs of students doing drugs do in fact have no place in the yearbook, and this is for one very simple reason: it's stupid.

Who decided this was a good idea? Were the students in the pictures so fried they signed release forms without considering that they were publishing evidence? What about some nice, artistically-done bank robbery photographs, or a nice shot of someone strangling a baby in the woods? To be a little more serious, how about some pictures of people downloading the latest Metallica album, or running a red light? The question isn't whether ideologues like Floyd have problems with the content, it's the fact that it is documenting illegal activity in a publication produced by a state-funded institution.

I suppose I really shouldn't be appealing to common sense here; it obviously wasn't involved. I'm sorry I have to come out lancing something somebody considered art after my big speech about American freedoms, but this is a matter of the forum in which the art was presented. To be fair, I have not picked up my copy of the yearbook yet, so I haven't seen the pictures in question, but their artistry is irrelevant to the issue at hand. This is not the sort of thing that belongs in Potpourri, regardless of how well it may capture the experience some students choose to have here.

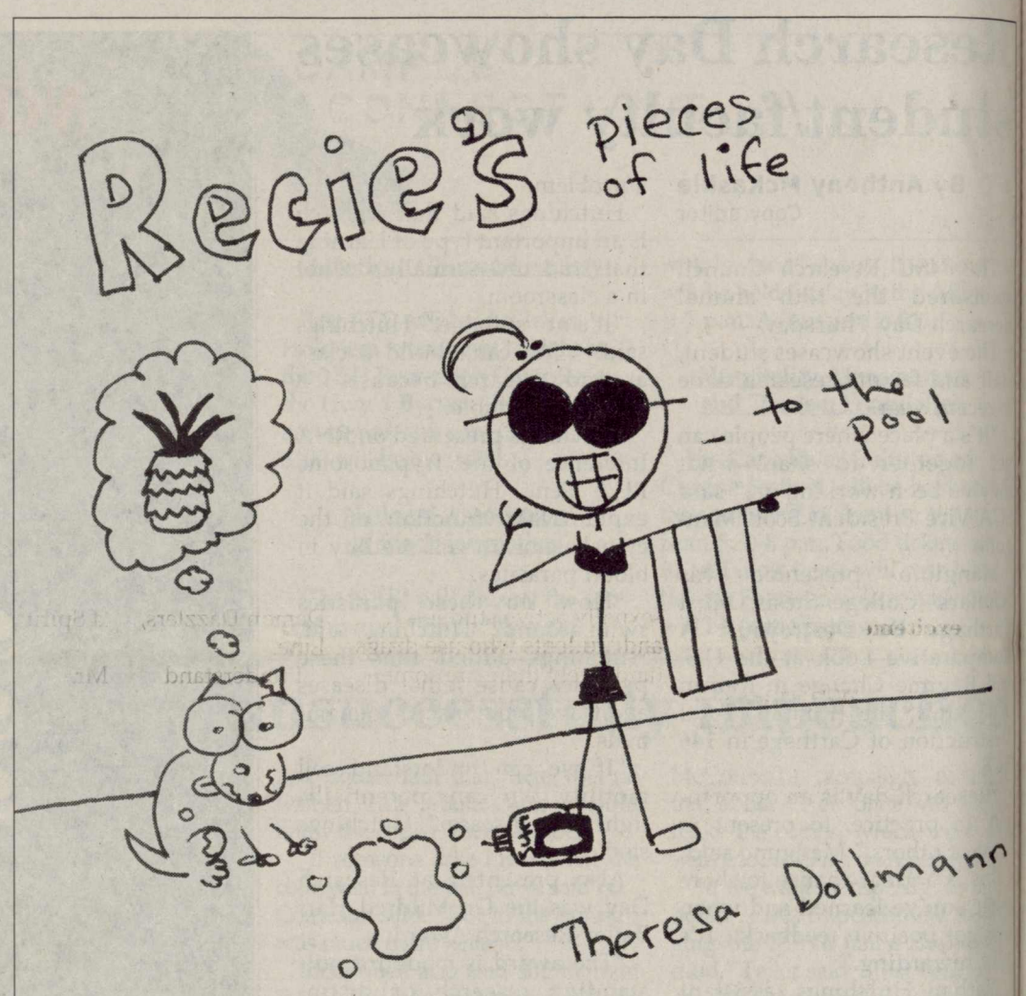
Floyd has apparently learned from the theater fee debacle that students like making their own decisions, and I would actually support a motion to make the Potpourri fee optional. I usually don't get mine, but I think I'll pick one up this year. After all, it cost me $20, whether I liked it or not. If the yearbook can't survive without mandatory fees, then the students don't seem to want a yearbook.

Do you not give two puffs about the yearbook? SauceFiller@hotmail.com

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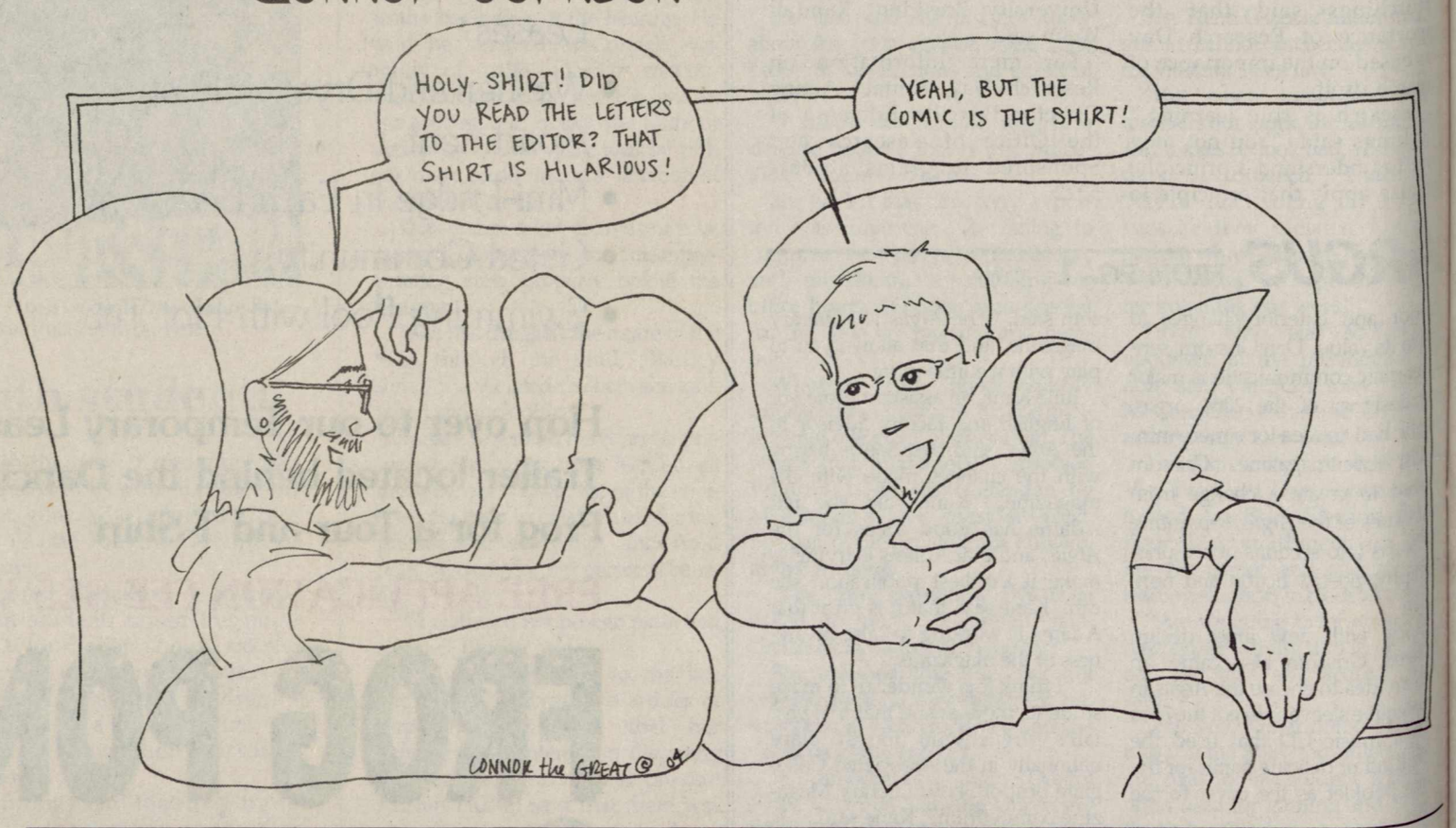
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J. Aaron "Q" Brown
On the *Potpourri* controversy



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Letters to the Editor

Students speak out about Potpourri controversy

"NSU will not plummet into a cesspool of moral decay as a result of this year's *Potpourri*."

Andrew David

"Does the SGA really qualify to run the SGA? Honestly, in my opinion NO. I give them credit for devoting their time and I know a lot of them work hard for the SGA, but as a whole I feel that this year, and the three years I've been here, the SGA has done nothing but push over student issues and complain about the things that give students a bit of excitement."

Will Moses

Student defends *Potpourri* content as part of student life

Being a journalism major myself, I feel called to stick up for my own when they choose to publish things that although relevant, may be a little difficult for timid readers to understand. With words like "Outrageous!" "Shocking!" "Disappointing!" being used so abundantly lately I thought that still frames from snuff films were somehow making their way into NSU publications. When I found out what actually had created such a controversy I was, well, outraged, shocked, and disappointed. Apparently these emotions are good for any occasion. So the Potpourri had a some sex, drugs, and rock and roll in it this year? Some might then ask another rhetorical question like, "So what?" but that's disrespectful to people who were genuinely offended by some of the Potpourri's content . So in the interest fairness to the delicate minds and eyes that make up a portion of NSU, consider this:

***The pictures of drug use and the two students lying in bed together can both be found under the student life section, as can stories dealing with music sharing, living away from home, parking problems, and graduate school hopefuls. In the past, the Potpourri focused on more traditional forms of student life i.e. Greeks, BCM., Wesley Foundation and CSO. Some people do not find coverage of Greek life, or religious-oriented student organizations to be representative of student life, regardless of their positive impacts. However, Greek life, religious organizations, sexually active students, and students who use drugs (and likely there are some fit into all four categories) are all facets of student life and deserve coverage and representation in a publication that seeks to define what student life is. Granted, the Potpourri leaned toward the more illicit, and criminal aspects of social activity this year, but despite what Mr. Floyd will tell you in his plea for fifteen more minutes of fame, if you can call it that, NSU will not plummet into a cesspool of moral decay as a result of this year's Potpourri.

***As for the pictures of "half-naked students," everything from their shoulders down is covered by a blanket. That would mean only about one-fourth of their bodies is exposed and unless Mr. Floyd was hiding in the covers, only three people know whether the two students were naked. Those three people being the students themselves and the photographer, Glenn Alan Ward Jr., of whom I am a close friend. I once held conservative religious and moral views and completely understand how this picture would be offensive to those who are not sexually active, or if they are in a committed relationship do not express their love physically. But before you go letting that knee jerk out of control, as it will tend to do sometimes, look at the six-page pictorial spread on the NSU Demon Dazzlers, Cheerleaders, and Spirit Line and ask yourself this: Is it more offensive for a girl to be pictured as a smiling, lustful object of eye-candy, or held closely and intimately by someone who loves and cares about her?

NOTE: The previous comment is in no way meant to diminish the athletic ability and diligent work ethic of each and every one of NSU's Cheerleaders, Demon Dazzlers, and Spirit Line.

I understand that Mr. Floyd will not be returning as an SGA senator next semester. However, his motion to discontinue funds for the Potpourri did not fail, but was instead postponed indefinitely. It makes sense to me that although Floyd may not be able to champion his causes within the SGA, his lingering supporters might feel inclined to pick up where he left off. Remember that Mr. Floyd, and fellow associates, none of whom I believe are serving on the SGA presently, also wanted to discontinue funding of the Argus two years ago after a rather lackluster edition the previous year. Thankfully, that initiative failed and last year's Argus won fourth place at a national collegiate literary competition. I am still not sure how books compete, but apparently they do. With the majority of the present staff graduating this year, the Potpourri will be a team of mostly new people next year. Instead of supporting a discontinuation of funds, thereby crippling what is, overall, a tremendously important part of our NSU community, try being proactive. Find out who next year's editor will be and contact them. Send them pictures and information about your group and social circle. Trust me when I tell you that publication staffs are dying for material and fresh ideas and that they would appreciate the input. Maybe you could even apply for an editor position yourself. I hear it pays pretty nicely. As for you Dustin, the only thing that is disappointing, outrageous, and shocking is that your wonderful mind, personality, talent, and limitless potential is slowly being whittled away with every year you do not graduate and every election you cannot win.

Also, to Dr. Tarver, cartoons are simply illustrated opinions and as such are not bound by the same rules and guidelines as factual reporting. A relevant columnist not only shares what is on his or her mind, but also initiates controversey for the purpose of stimulating reader dialogue. They do not however, ramble on and on about outgoing HBO melodramas and their own bizzarre fascination with circus performers. "A Bumpy Ride Through the Wonder Years"? Is Fred Savage making porn movies now? And the words are F-O-G-E-Y and S-H-I-T. The latter of which comes out of your A-S-S. Lighten up man.

Andrew David
Junior (sort of)
Journalism major

Student questions SGA's effeciveness

Students of NSU,

I am writing this letter in light of the past news media upheaval that has hit our very own campus lately.

If you have not received your copy of the Potpourri, there will be a re-issue of books at a later date. If you have, then I am sure you have noticed the two spreads with the very provocative and titillating pictures and the stories that accompany them.

I was a writer for the yearbook this year and I honestly must put my two cents in on some of the things that I have heard about. First, this year's yearbook is great. It shows the diversity of our wonderful university and it does not depict just the "popular" students. It gives you a real-life view of a year in the eyes of a "normal" student. All organizations, clubs, sports, Greeks, faculty, staff, and students are featured in this book. The stories are very innovative and well written, and you can tell that Christine Harper and her staff worked hard to include EVERY student in this year's Potpourri.

For the senators of the SGA,

How many of you are in journalism? How many of you actually sit down and read, watch, or listen to the different facets of media we have on campus with an objective standpoint? Honestly, until I met Mindy McConnell, I didn't think anyone on SGA was human. Dustin Floyd is not my favorite person, but I respect him as a student for having a strong opinion about things. However, when students try to use some sort of position, in student run organizations to try to push over other students and say they are "for the students", I get upset.

It is our right as students to have a say in what goes on around campus. That is why we have so many organizations and we have a governing body comprised of students that the students of NSU vote for. Well, sometimes we vote based off of popularity. Does the SGA really qualify to run the SGA? Honestly, in my opinion NO. I give them credit for devoting their time and I know a lot of them work hard for the SGA, but as a whole I feel that this year, and the three years I've been here, the SGA has done nothing but push over student issues and complain about the things that give students a bit of excitement. For example, the SGA tried to get rid of the Potpourri because of the two spreads, but why? Because some people complained. Hello, if you want to get rid of something because some people complain, get rid of the high dorm rates. Get rid of the poor parking problems. Get rid of the extreme restrictions on the NPHC Greeks so that they may do more for the campus and better represent their organization on campus in a positive way. Get rid of the damn SGA minutes spread in the Current Sauce that no one ever cares to read. Get rid of the ridiculous, unnecessary rules placed upon desk workers in the dorms. Get rid of the money spending for useless things on campus and put that money towards things that better the campus. Get rid of the radical SGA senators that would rather go to meetings and complain about all of the things that I mentioned instead of getting out on the campus and asking students what they really would like to see, and I don't mean going to the union or Vics and asking your circle of friends, actually get out and talk to the students that are a little more conservative and are willing to really give you the issues. Get rid of mildew and dilapidation in some of the buildings on campus. Start making a difference SGA!!!

In closing, for the students out there. Yes the SGA is our governing body, and yes I respect them to the utmost. If I had the time to devote to it, I would be a senator. I do a lot on campus and for other organizations and I also serve an organization on a district level. I know that everyone can't always be pleased, but when issues of students aren't being heard, it's sad. The Potpourri is a yearbook for you, the students. Not for the SGA and their parents. So if you like the yearbook, please email, write, or call the staff and praise Christine for all of her hard work and the hard work of the staff. If you didn't like it, don't just complain; give some advice so that the future yearbooks will be better.

Thank you Current Sauce for printing this.

Will Moses
Broadcast Journalism
Senior

Other letters of the week

Student concerned about campus security

What is being done about all of the Break-ins that have been going on all over campus?

I was just wanting to know what action the university and the police have taken to stop all the break ins and other crimes around the campus? Every week when I read the Current Sauce Police Blotter, I see multiple accounts of break-ins in the Columns and I hear of little action done by the University. They should at least have video camera's rolling so it would be easy to stop this when it first starts instead of having it go on this long.

Instead of hearing about action be taken, I hear about the police stoping people from picking pecans on the President's yard. I don't know about the reast of the student body, but I would rather the police spend their time staking out the Columns instead of stoping people from doing something as harmless as picking pecans.

The students who live in the Columns are sick and tired of having their stuff stolen. If I were the University, I would do everything I could to prove to the student body that this university is safe. I feel that there will be alot of openings at the Columns once the new apartments, The Frog Pad, opens up.

I am sure they will take measures to ensure that their tenets are safe!

Billy Adams

[Eds note: The new apartments are called Frog Pond, not Frog Pad.]

Alumnus: "Grammer is Important"

Dear Editor,

As an alumnus of NSU, I receive and usually read the Current Sauce email edition, and I am almost always disappointed by its quality.

I just read Kyle Carter's story regarding the x-games, and I am puzzled.

Does the Sauce employ non-university students to write articles, or is this person a bonafide college student employed as a reporter? He misspelled the word "since" by actually spelling it "sense". (More than once.) But I guess sense it was such a "cool" story, I can forgive him this time.

As I'm sure you and previous editors have been asked many times, do you have any jounalistic or grammatical standards? The answer must be negative, judging by the usual contents of the paper. As editor, what exactly do you do? Everytime I read the paper, there are numerous obvious errors that the average secondary school student would notice. It seems you still have the desire to busy yourself with small-time controversy, to see what you can stir up. You must be looking forward to a bright future in tabloid news.

Isn't there some sort of faculty oversight when it comes to the Sauce? Who in the faculty is allowing the student newspaper to be run in such a cavalier fashion?

I think the Current Sauce could and should be a great resource to the University, not a weekly tabloid showcasing the writing of remedial English and Journalism students. You should be embarrassed of this publication. I know I am

Matt Bailey
2003 Graduate, College of Liberal Arts

Response to "The Origin of Easter"

To the editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed Christal Navarre's article "The Origin of Easter" published in the April 15th edition. The non-Christian perspective was refreshing.

Too often the media in central Louisiana fawn to Christianity, sometimes acting almost like an arm of the Christian right. The media never hesitate to cover insignificant Christian events like church bake sales and retiring pastors, all the while neglecting stories meaningful to the non-Christian community. Navarre's article gives a needed glimpse into the lives of non-Christians right here at NSU, a glimpse that likely surprised the conservative students and faculty on this campus. We have witches among us? You bet, and thank your god for it! Not only that, but there are Taoists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and a host of other "closet" practitioners of various persuasions. It is time that we celebrate them and allow their songs to be sung. Good job, Ms. Navarre.

Michael Cobb
Department of Language and Communication

Cartoonist responds to "Old Foggy"

With all due respect, sir, I didn't think my comic was all that offensive. I see why you find it offensive, but I believe that the comic's context excuses such an infraction. I felt that the theme was sufficiently universal and that the use of such strong language was proportionate to the childish embarrassment I felt at the time, and therefore acceptable. Surely anyone can relate to this, if not laugh at it.

On another point, I feel it was unfair of you to extend your condemnation to the Current Sauce as a whole. Clearly I was the sole author of this outrage, and not my colleagues. I ask that you tell the friends of NSU that the Current Sauce is an accomplished college newspaper produced by a great staff, with the particular exception of that sorry sucka, Connor Johnson.

Most importantly, Joelle and Aaron thought it was funny.

Connor the Great
Meddling Kid

Concerned voter addresses Dustin Floyd

Dear Mr.. Floyd,

I wish to say that I do not feel mislead by the McConnell campaign in the slightest. I feel her campaigning methods were fine, and I reluctantly admit that yours were too—up until your polite little letter to the editor. That was a terrible piece of libel. Libel is deliberately printing untrue statements, which is exactly what you did. You don't claim McConnell had anything to do with eggings and tire-slashings, but you might as well accuse her of doing it herself. I really don't picture Mindy as the one slashing Alan's tires. Let's also mention the hypocrisy of your letter, claiming that Mindy is some arch-villain who deceived the students unlike saintly Dustin, claiming that you are completely guiltless while you spread rumors and deceive the student body.

The McConnell-Pulliam team worked hard for their victory, and I think you should accept it. Just because you lost the presidential election twice and were disqualified once during your illustrious six-year career as a General Studies major doesn't mean you should be a sore loser. The students have spoken, and we elected McConnell, not you.

Ciel Dafford
NSU Student

Reader links history to Chief Caddo debate

After reading the story about Chief Caddo this week, I was reminded of another scandal about a racially insensitive statue that rocked the city of Natchitoches. In 1927, a statue was erected on Front Street entitled "The Good Darky." This statue featured an old black man in a poor suit, bowing his head and tipping his hat. At the foot of the statue stood a plaque which read, "Erected by the City of Natchitoches in Grateful Recognition of the Arduous and Faithful Service of the Good Darkies of Louisiana." Already a popular tourist destination in Louisiana, the statue received national attention during the Civil Rights movement when Ebony ran a story on it, decrying it as a degrading racial stereotype. By 1968, the statue had garnered enough negative attention that it was quietly taken down and shipped to the LSU Rural Life Museum, where it still stands today.

Chroniclers of the statue always make it a point to mention the statue's good intentions. Commissioned by Jackson L. Bryan, a wealthy planter, the statue was meant to commemorate the plantation hands he remembered fondly from his youth. This statue was in no way meant to be some kind of racist joke. Many whites in Natchitoches had sincere affections to African Americans who remained in the rural south after the Civil War. After the end of slavery, the economy of the South functioned in much the same way it had before the war, making African American labor an integral part. Those who fled to high paying industrial jobs in the north during the Great Migration were often seen as traitors. Hence the emphasis of the statue on the "faithful and good darkies."

In the article about Chief Caddo, a student defended the statue by citing that it was not intended to offend anyone when it was built. The same can be said of "The Good Darky." However, we have matured as a culture and we can now see the errors of our predecessors. The statue may have been a sincere sign of thanks, but modern knowledge shows us that what the statue was truly saying was "Thank you for not seeking a better life for yourself elsewhere, and remaining under our racist and paternalistic caste system." This is how it was seen during the Civil Rights movement, and this is why it was taken down. Whether the citizens of Natchitoches intended it or not, this statue was a racial stereotype, portraying the ideal black individual as poor, humble, and subservient. We do not stand for this kind of portrayal of African Americans today, and we should not stand for similar representations of American Indians.

We again find ourselves at the same crossroad with Chief Caddo. Though crafted in innocence, this statue is an offensive racial stereotype. The American Indian community has suffered this kind of shame too long. They did not receive the same attention during the Civil Rights movement. Their community was simply too small to get the same kind of national attention that African and Asian Americans received during this period. Even today, a person could go a whole year without seeing an American Indian, or go their whole life without ever getting to really know one. In this kind of ignorance, stereotypes flourish. Though these stereotypes may be innocent misunderstandings, they are still deplorable and if we want to mature as a community, we must address them. I stand by the Caddo nation and the faculty and students of Steven F. Austin University that call for the replacement of Chief Caddo. This action will not result in the betrayal of a tradition, as some have claimed. Rather, replacing the statue will simply be a sign that we have grown as a community. Place Chief Caddo in a museum or a showcase where it can be viewed in context. There, we can still honor it as part of our past, but at the same time recognize that it is a racist anachronism that has no place being endorsed by any modern university. If the Texas Board of Regents fails to act on this issue, I propose that the students and faculty of NSU follow in SFA's footsteps in requesting the statue be replaced immediately. I am certain that we can find another statue to symbolize the competition and brotherhood of our two universities. At the same time, we can make a kind and mature gesture to the American Indian tribes of this area and foster a sense of brotherhood and community with them.

Sincerely,
Justin Shatwell

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NEO plants flowers on campus

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Students passing by Fournet Hall in front of KNWD may notice a new beautiful sight added to the campus.

Thursday afternoon the Northwestern Environmental Organization took on the task of trying to keep NSU's main campus beautiful in spite of the constant construction going on.

Sara Mangiaracina, a senior liberal arts major, said that NEO was planting Gladoli, Day Lilies and Zinnias to help beautify the campus.

Ciel Dafford, also a senior liberal arts major, said that the semester-long project is in honor of Earth Day.

NEO had to get permission from the physical plant to plant the flowers, Dafford said. Mangiaracina said that later the physical plant will add a courtyard to the area.

Nathan Wilson, a freshman physics major and vice president of NEO, said that despite a few obstacles everything turned out well.

"It's been disorganized, but because of the dedication of our members everything went really successful," Wilson said. "Members are what make the group."

Mangiaracina said that they are also going to plant a pecan tree in the center of the garden hopefully later that afternoon.

NEO does more than just plant flowers around campus. Dafford, Club NEO's founder and president for the last four years, said they do a variety of community service projects in the Natchitoches area throughout the year.

Dafford said every year NEO participates in Keep Natchitoches Beautiful Day and Keep NSU Beautiful.

"We are an environmental organization dedicated to beautifying the campus, recycling and promoting environmental awareness among the student body," Mangiaracina said.

Mangiaracina and Dafford said past projects have included picking up trash in the Well Woods area and participating in Tom Sawyer Day.

Tom Sawyer Day is a clean-up project that happens every six months at the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve.

Dafford said NEO helps maintain the Preserve and plant flowers. In the past they have also dug a trench for the Preserve and leveled out a road.

"NEO is an invaluable opportunity to do something for the community," Wilson said. "It helps all of the Earth in the end."

NEO also tries to keep the environment safe by implementing a campus-wide recycling program.

Students may have noticed green trashcans around campus with twox small holes in the lid. NEO put the bins around campus to encourage student recycling.

Students can recycle plastic, tin and aluminum, Mangiaracina said.

Every Friday two crews pick the bins up and head to the recycling centers.



Garrett Guillotte/*the Current Sauce*
NEO founder Ciel Dafford and member Sara Mangiaracina plant flowers by Fournet Hall in front of KNWD. The planting is a project NEO is doing for Earth Day.

Dafford said the aluminum recycled and the money made from the recycling is donated to the Humane Society.

"So far we have over $150 donated," Dafford said. "The aluminum sells for thirty cents per pound, so you can imagine how much we have recycled."

Mangiaracina said that the plastic and tin are sent to IESI for recycling, but no money is made for it.

Brandon Wilks, a senior psychology major and a NEO member from the beginning, said that the recycling program has become better, especially now that they are able to recycle more products.

"There is still trash though because people are throwing in unclean things," Wilks said.

Wilks explained that students need to make sure that all bottles and cans are cleaned out before throwing them into the recycle bins.

"The syrup attracts bugs," Wilks said.

Club NEO meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Morrison Hall Room 145.

How-to guide for summer fashion

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



Every year, there are always a few styles that stick out in our minds and we really want to try to fit them into our repertoire. However, the downside to our experimentation is that most people don't know how to wear things.

So, to clarify the rules of wearing a few summer essentials, I have put together a little how-to guide for those who are willing to test out a few styles of their own.

HOW TO WEAR A STRAPLESS DRESS

Strapless frocks can be difficult to pull off because a too-tight fit can cause armpit or breast bulge, making you appear heavier than you really are.

To ensure that this dress makes your bosom look ravishing, choose one that is not too tight and sits comfortably low on your bust to reveal a hint of cleavage.

And of course, a supportive strapless bra is essential, since without one your set might look saggy.

HOW TO WEAR A BEACH SARONG

Here are three ways to use this super versatile beach staple.

Key tip: Take the pieces you're going to be tying and twist them a few times before you start -- this twist makes them skinny and easier to tie.

To turn it into a dress: Wrap it around your torso and tie it just above and between your chest.

To make a skirt: Fold the sarong until it's a foot-and-a-half wide, then wrap it around your butt and tie it at one hip.

For a bandeau: Fold it until it's a narrow strip, then wrap it around your breasts and tie it behind your back.

HOW TO WEAR FLAT SANDALS

Contrary to popular belief, you don't need to teeter in high heels to look hip. Flat sandals are an especially cool look this summer, but you need to pair them with the right outfit or you'll end up looking "schlumpy."

These look best with clothes that have a laid-back feel -- such as peasant skirts, cropped pants, relaxed minis and jeans -- and with natural fabrics.

Don't wear them with very tailored clothes; they'll look all wrong with suits, trousers or a pencil skirt.



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Dating help for the 'Nice Guy'

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When you first hear about a book called The Nice Guys' Guide to Getting Girls you might automatically brush it off.

You might even think, "What a great gag gift to buy a guy!"

Women might think, "Great. A book that's going to turn nice, decent guys into slobbering jerks. That's just what the world needs."

The "Nice Guys'" mantra is to the contrary: "Dedicated to helping Nice Guys make themselves more attractive to women, WITHOUT turning into jerks!!"

The book combines anecdotes of what you might call "field research," with humor and a bit of encouragement to give a legitimate guide for guys—who are nice—to get girls.

The guide reads in a stream-of-consciousness style. The chapters are different articles compiled into the book with subjects such as "The Nice Guys' Guide to Airports, Gyms, and Cruises," and "The Nice Guys' Guide to Not Talking about Yourself."

The title of this guide might make its target audience too narrow. It is a good read for any guy, not just the nice ones who cannot get girls. Anyone could get something out of it.

As they say on The Nice Guys' Web site, TheNiceGuysGuide.com, "If you're looking for tips on being a player, a bunch of 'can't fail' pick-up lines, and 'hot tips'…then you're DEFINITELY in the wrong place."

The Nice Guys' Guide is really just a congeniality guide, an "Anyone's Guide to Getting Anyone." It stresses the importance of body language and eye contact during conversation.

It talks about confidence and a sense of presence that will make everyone—not just the opposite sex—more comfortable around you and want to engage you in conversation.

The old lesson of "never talk to strangers" is out the window in this guide.

It encourages a friendly attitude and demeanor towards everyone you meet.

You might make a new friend, or you might begin a new relationship, either way, you have made a connection with someone on a conversational level, and they will not forget it.

If you are the type that never seems to be able to break the ice, there is help with that, too.

In the back of The Nice Guys' Guide, there is a handy list of "Questions to Ask a Woman That You Have Just Met."

Really they are good questions to strike up a conversation with anyone.

It is about conversation that leads to a connection, not pickup lines that lead to a bed.

With that said, those who are easily embarrassed might want to skip over the chapter entitled "The Nice Guys' Guide to Performing Oral Sex," in which its matter-of-fact approach to the process might put some people off.

Overall, the guide takes a liberal view of sex.

People do it, and people are not going to stop doing it, so it is a legitimate subject to be covered.

The Nice Guys' Guide is actually a follow-up to the bestselling book Make Every Girl Want You, and has a second part, The Nice Guys' Guide to Getting Girls 2.

The introduction suggests reading the books in proper succession, but it really is not needed and the concepts and terminology that the "Nice Guys" have invented for their guides are easy enough to understand.

If you want a good guide to brushing up your social skills, whether to meet girls or just to just have a better presence about you, The Nice Guys' Guide to Getting Girls is a good addition to that "self-help" section of your bookshelf.

Tillman wins gentleman's pageant

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> "At first I was nervous, but I remained calm and professional, dressed like a gentleman, used body language on stage, and although I was serious, I still got the crowd's attention."
>
> **Edwin Tillman**
> Pageant winner

The search for the brightest, most talented man for the 2004-2005 school year is over.

The Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority hosted its fifth annual Distinguished Gentleman's pageant April 13 during Delta Week in the A.A. Fredricks Auditorium.

The race was on as five men competed for the crown to become King of the Deltas and walk away with a scholarship award. The evening showcased personality, physique, distinct fashion sense and an emphasized question-and-answer period that earned them respect as not only a contestant, but a courageous representation of what a gentleman should be.

"Although it was hard to get a lot of men to participate, we wanted to do something different outside of the two pageants held at NSU only for women," India Reuben, a senior Delta, said.

"The purpose of the pageant is to help further the education of African-American males, and help present good etiquette on-campus and professionally in years to come," Reuben said.

"It was a great experience, something different like the Lady of the Bracelet or the Black and Gold pageant, just this time honoring African-American men," Joe Smith, a senior contestant said. "It took a lot of courage, motivation and heart to get on that stage."

The contestants were judged on originality, style of dress, profile of character and ability to answer questions that effect society today.

Each competitor used stage presence in casual, sleep, evening and sports wear and voiced their opinions reflecting special talents and knowledge by answering unrehearsed questions.

After a thorough recount, the judges crowned Edwin Tillman the Distinguished Gentleman. He will represent Delta Sigma Theta and the best of what NSU has to offer.

Tillman is a sophomore business administration major and plans to use the scholarship award and experience as a whole to advance his education and professional career.

"The pageant was a lot of fun. It gave me a lot of confidence and will hopefully open new doors to pursue a modeling career," Tillman said. "At first I was nervous, but I remained calm and professional, dressed like a gentleman, used body language on stage, and although I was serious, I still got the crowd's attention."

Tillman will receive a $150 scholarship to help finance his education at NSU. First runner-up was awarded to Michael Edwards who also won the crowd's popularity with The People's Choice award.

Shenard Wade was voted Mr. Congeniality.

Reuben said the pageant is community based at NSU and serves the purpose of furthering education as a whole for black men.

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The Transmission, an indie surf punk band from Lafayette, jams on the riverfront during Demon Fest. The Transmission was the third band to play at the event.

Demon Fest 2004

■ *KNWD 91.7's third Demon Fest rocked the riverfront last weekend.*

By Kyle A. Carter
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"It's beautiful, especially under the shade of the tree," said sophomore general studies major Tiffani Williams as she admired the warm spring weather at the third annual Demon Fest Saturday.

As local residents enjoyed strolling along the riverfront at Front street, Andrew David, an NSU journalism major, took the stage as the opening act at the first Demon Fest held in two years. A crowd gathered at the Front Street Riverfront Stage to watch local and Louisiana talent perform for the listening pleasure of those coming by the area.

As the festival began students, local residents and later performing acts gathered under the shade of a magnolia tree to enjoy David's solo acoustic guitar act.

Adam Carter, KNWD programming director and bass player for the band The Hooker Jones, helped set up this year's Demon Fest which was the third held in the school's history. He said that the idea for the festival came earlier this semester and that the rest of the semester was spent planning the event.

Carter said he set up the festival because of his belief that Natchitoches has been in need for a local concert to highlight all the talent in the state.

"It has been gone for two years, and we felt Natchitoches needed it," Carter said. "EOS (End of Summer) Fest was not handling it."

So Carter got together with Brad Hartley, KNWD music director, to plan a free afternoon festival-concert to spotlight local talent. The two pulled together a line-up of a mix between local musicians and bands that travel from places as far as Lafayette and Baton Rouge to play. Attendants seemed to be pleased with the concert and are hoping for more.

"It's pretty awesome," Williams said. "They need more concerts for the local bands like this."

The festival showcased the talents of local bands such as Food, who incorporate video games into their music, A More Different Racket and Kelvin, who were without their lead singer but still played a set for the fans.

Outside of Natchitoches talent was displayed by the bands Justin Bailey and The Transmission. Third-year veterans to the Demon Fest stage, The Revelation also performed their rapping talents during that evening.

Saturday's weather allowed the outdoor show to be comfortable for the fans but a few bands had some setbacks for the sun. Danny Wood, guitarist for Kelvin, said that it was really hot on stage and that is why he enjoys playing indoors.

Jacob Blood, drummer for Kelvin, said that the sun was shining back into his face from his kit, blinding him and making playing harder.

"It's pretty hot and I had sweat in my eyes," Blood said.

Despite conditions on stage, the bands were still pleased with the weather. Christopher Slim, vocalist and bassist for The Transmission, said Saturday's weather was beautiful. All the bands were happy to have a show to play and despite the setbacks from the sun they are still willing to play more shows like this.

"I will play whenever and wherever I'm asked to play and even sometimes at places they don't want me to play," said David.





Photos by Leslie Westbrook/*the Current Sauce*

Above: A Natchitoches family enjoys the music from Demon Fest.

Left: Danny Wood, a guitar player for the band Kelvin, hands out Kelvin CDs to fans.

Below: Zach Pulliam, at left, and Adrienne Stratton lounge around and enjoy Demon Fest.

Evans wins trainer award

Courtesy
Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Veteran Northwestern State athletic trainer Ed Evans has been named regional "College Athletic Trainer of the Year" by the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association, which includes members who are in the profession in seven states from Louisiana to Georgia and Kentucky.

The award was announced during the organization's annual meeting in Atlanta on March 27 while Evans was working NSU's Joe Delaney Bowl spring football game in Turpin Stadium. The honor is annually presented "in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of athletic training."

Evans, nearing the close of his 15th year as the head athletic trainer at Northwestern, has long been regarded among the state and region's leading practioners in the sports medicine field.

Evans serves as president of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association and was enshrined in the LATA Hall of Fame in December 2000. Evans has served on the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness since being appointed by Gov. Mike Foster.

The Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association has members in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

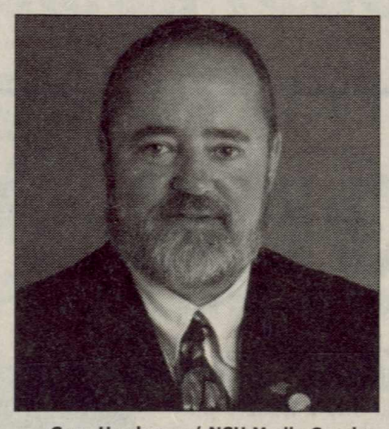
"Ed does a marvelous job of coordinating our athletic training operations and making top-quality medical care for our student-athletes his top priority," said director of athletics Greg Burke. "He is a consummate professional in his field and an unselfish member of our athletic staff. It's nice to see his peers shine the spotlight on him with such a well-deserved honor."

Evans has been an instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi's Student Trainers' Camp for the past 15 years.

A Navy veteran, Evans spent seven years at Natchitoches Central High School as athletic trainer, working the Louisiana High School Coaches' Association All-Star Games each year prior to joining the NSU staff.

A graduate of Georgia Southern, Evans earned a master's degree in physical education in 1980 from Northwestern and completed 30 hours beyond the master's degree with an emphasis in guidance and counseling.

Evans, 51, and his wife Chris have three sons: Jonathan, David and Tim.



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Media Service
Ed Evans was named Trainer of the Year by the ATA.

Barry Bonds the "greatest"?

Courtesy KRT Campus
By Kevin Baxter
Miami Herald

OK, all you doubters and naysayers, you can put your asterisks away. Barry Bonds is the best baseball player who ever lived, helpful chemistry not withstanding.

And he'll be universally recognized as such in, oh, about 50 years. In the meantime, says baseball historian John Thorn, Bonds will have to be content with simply destroying the game's most hallowed records while waiting for the public recognition to catch up.

``It's really difficult for us to see great baseball players in proper perspective in their own day,'' says Thorn, the author of five dozen books on baseball, the founding editor of the statistical encyclopedia Total Baseball and the senior creative consultant to Ken Burns' award-winning PBS miniseries ``Baseball.''

``Nobody who watched Joe Morgan or Mike Schmidt thought they were watching two of the greatest players ever,'' Thorn says. ``No one who watched Rickey Henderson thought this was one of the five greatest players in the history of baseball. You need the distance. The distance tends to improve our view, to burnish our view.''

Bonds' numbers, however, already have no parallel. He holds the single-season records for home runs (73), slugging percentage (.863), on-base percentage (.582) and on-base slugging (1.381). He has twice as many MVP awards (six) as anyone else. And while just three other players have had at least 300 homers and 300 steals, Bonds has more than 500 of each.

His two home runs last week moved him past godfather Willie Mays into third on the all-time list for career homers (at 665 entering Monday's game vs. San Diego), and by the end of the season he'll be the career leader in walks, rank among the top five all-time in slugging percentage and could be among the top 10 in RBI.

He even has changed the way the game is played, opponents walk him nearly a third of the time now, even with the bases loaded.

Oh, and by the way, he's also won eight Gold Gloves for fielding excellence.

``I've never seen a better player in my life,'' former teammate Matt Williams said last week. ``I don't think anybody changes the course of a game like he does.''

Yet Bonds, 39, still can't shake his detractors. Lately the anti-Bonds camp has been pointing to the government's steroid-trafficking probe that has targeted Bonds' personal trainer.

But, Thorn points out, even if Bonds is shown to have taken steroids and no evidence has surfaced to prove that, baseball's rules did not prohibit steroid use before this season. Besides, he needed the help like Nolan Ryan needed another 10 mph on his fastball.

``The whole steroids thing is a red herring,'' Thorn says. ``There are very few Bonds home runs that would not have been home runs if he were 10 percent less strong. Basically, he's got a grooved swing and he's got a mental approach to the game that permits him to use the count to know that he's going to get, in most cases, one good pitch to hit. He fouls off fewer hitable pitches than anybody I've ever seen.''

Still, we hear Bonds is not as dominant as Ty Cobb was, not as versatile as Joe DiMaggio was, not as good as Babe Ruth was. And while it's hard not to believe racism plays a part in those arguments, Bonds is black while Cobb, DiMaggio and Ruth were white. Thorn says baseball tradition is also at fault. The game, like no other, is passed from generation to generation, so the stars of the past seem to get better as time passes, even as their records fade away.

Bonds is not only rewriting the record book, then, but he's doing so against far better competition. There can be no doubt, Thorn says, that he's the best player who has ever played the game.

Eli Manning wants a trade

Courtesy KRT Campus
By Gary Myers
New York Daily News

Eli Manning is trying to pull a John Elway power play on the Chargers, a move that could get the Giants the franchise quarterback they desperately want. San Diego has been informed that Archie Manning, Eli's father, does not want the Chargers to take his son with the first pick in Saturday's draft and that Eli Manning wants to play for the Giants.

Chargers GM A.J. Smith, speaking on the phone from San Diego on Wednesday night, said Tom Condon, Eli Manning's agent, broke the news to him in a phone call. The Chargers, who have not made the playoffs since 1995, passed up the chance to draft Michael Vick two years ago.

Archie Manning knows about bad teams: He played 14 years in the NFL and never made the playoffs.

"I got a call from Tom Condon informing me that Archie's wishes are we do not select Eli and he thinks that New York is a good fit," Smith said. "My response is I understand his position and his interest in the New York Giants, but we're going to do what is in the best interests of the organization. We have been informed of his wishes."

There is nothing to stop the Chargers from taking Manning. He would have no leverage other than sitting out. San Diego might now feel compelled to trade Manning, the Ole Miss QB and brother of NFL co-MVP Peyton Manning, and avoid getting into a war with a player who does not want to be there. This news clearly strengthens the Giants negotiating position; they are expected to make an offer by tomorrow.

That phone call from Condon to Smith came after the Chargers, already aware of Archie Manning's feelings about not wanting his son to play for them, had him fly to San Diego to meet with them Tuesday. Archie Manning confirmed that he first spoke to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue about the situation.

Archie Manning, reached Wednesday night at his Manhattan hotel shortly after arriving in New York, acknowledged he was aware of what Smith said about the phone call.

"My understanding is the Chargers have said that. I'm not going to comment on it tonight," he said. "I've got to huddle with Eli and Tom and see where we are on this thing. The only thing I'll say is I never talked to the Chargers about the Giants. I was asked to come to San Diego and see them."

While he was there, he met with Chargers president Dean Spanos. He had dinner with Smith and coach Marty Schottenheimer. They were clearly trying to sell Manning on the organization. But it didn't work.

The Chargers, who have received calls from the Giants, Redskins and Browns about trading the first pick, have never said they would even take Manning. They have yet to even talk parameters on a contract for Manning with Condon.

Giants GM Ernie Accorsi spoke to Smith on April 6 to let him know they were interested in moving up from the No. 4 spot. They have yet to speak again, but now it's crunch time with the first pick at noon on Saturday.

Accorsi could be on the receiving end of a player trying to force his way out. Accorsi loves franchise quarterbacks and the Giants have Manning at the top of their draft board. If Manning's power play works, the Giants would be set at QB for the next 10 years.

Is this an Elway move? "I'm not even going to comment on it," Smith said.

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The Way I See It

Thank You NSU

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As Demon sports has begun to wind down for this season and I am nearing the end of my college career, I think it is time congratulate and thank all those who helped me learn what it really takes to write sports and be a journalist.

First I would like to congratulate the Demon baseball team for winning two out of three this weekend against Sam Houston State.

Your games have been a big thing for me to look forward to every spring. Congratulations coach Gaspard on your 100th win and thank you for always being there to answer my questions.

Congratulations to the Lady Demons basketball team on making it to the NCAA Tournament. I watched the men do it in my freshman year and was lucky enough to see the ladies do it in my senior year.

Thank you Elizabeth Holloway, Dan Korn, Scott Stoker, and the rest of the coaching staff and players for the Demon football team. All the time you spent helping me get interviews and listening to my repetitive questions helped more than you will ever know.

Thank you Demon Basketball coach Mike McConathy for always hanging around after games to answer my questions and help me get the real story when I needed it.

Thank you Demon Tennis team for showing me that I need to get off my lazy butt and learn the sports that I am not too familiar with.

Thank you Sports Information Director Doug Ireland and Athletic Director Greg Burke for all the times you both helped me out. Your advice, criticism, kind words, and time to talk gave me more insight on the happenings of an athletic department than I could have gotten anywhere else. You never said no to me.

Thank you, last in the area of sports, but definitely not least, Chris Waddell. I only met him a couple of times, but his tragic death during football practice helped me to see just how close knit this athletic department and university really is and how lucky I am to be here at NSU.

I will never forget all the good times, friends and connections I made through the athletic department.

I would also like to thank Dr. Horton, Dr. Furr, Dr. Ralston, Mrs. Brocato and David Antilley for all of the great advice and skills they have imparted to me.

Thank you to the Current Sauce staff members, NSU22 reporters and producers, and other journalism majors I have had the privilege with whom to work for helping me to see how to progress in journalism and see how a television station and newspaper work (even in the dysfunctional moments).

Most of all, thank you Lindsay for dealing with my constant babble and projects. You are the best.

Thank you NSU. I will never forget you.

Demons No.1 again

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

NSU-7 SHSU-2

Northwestern State got a strong performance from starting pitcher Russell Dorton while Mike Breaux earned his second save of the season getting NSU out of a bases loaded jam in the ninth inning.

The Demons defeated Sam Houston State 7-2 Sunday afternoon and captured a 2-1 Southland Conference series win.

NSU improves to 22-14 overall and 10-4 in the league. With the win, the Demons regain sole possession of first place because of Texas State's 8-6 loss against Texas-San Antonio. Sam Houston State fell to 13-22-1 overall and 7-7 in league play.

Catcher Bobby Barbier had the hot bat on the afternoon, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Centerfielder Josh Boop went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored while first baseman Hunter Thoms was 2-for-4 as the Demons collected nine hits for the game.

Dorton improved his record to 5-1 on the season, tossing eight innings giving up just two runs on 11 hits while striking out eight.

The Demons started the top of the ninth with Rusty Jones on the mound, but after he walked the first three batters faced, Breaux relieved him to get the Bearkats to hit into a double play before striking out the final batter of the game.

Sam Houston got on the board first with one run in the top of the first inning but the Demons tied it in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Boop to score Tigger Lyles.

NSU added took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth when designated hitter Miles Durham knocked in Barbier for the lead.

The Demons took control of the game with three runs in the bottom of the fifth to go up 5-1. Sam Houston added one in the top of the seventh but the Demons responded with two in the bottom half of the inning on RBI singles by Boop and Barbier.

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NSU-10 SHSU-0

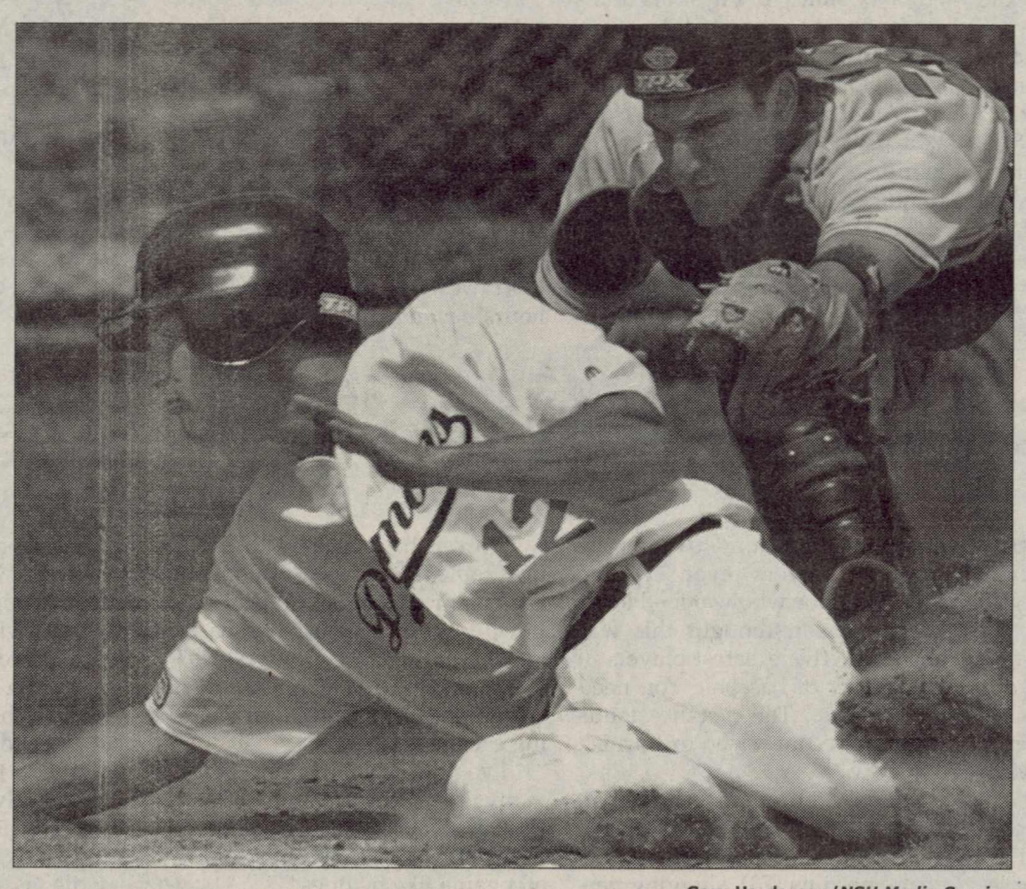
The NSU Demons trounced the Sam Houston State Bearkats 10-0 in the first of a three game series on Friday.

NSU's Clayton Turner pitched a complete game shutout Friday night as he allowed only two hits. The two hits off of Turner came after he retired the first nine batters.

Turner retired the following 12 batters to win his eighth straight win stretching his season record to 8-1. Turner had nine strikeouts and walked none.

Tigger Lyles led the Demon bats as he hit a leadoff solo homerun bringing him to six homeruns on the season.

The rest of the team followed Lyles' lead hitting 14 hits in the game. Brandon Morgan and Bobby Barbier helped bring in two more runs in the third inning as they hit back to back doubles and Hunter Thoms, Jeff Martin and Barbier's three RBIs boosted the Demons in the fifth.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
Senior infielder Tigger Lyles slides past the Sam Houston State catcher this past weekend. Lyles was safe at home as NSU won two out of three at Brown Stroud Field. NSU is currently in first place in the SLC.

NSU-4 SHSU-6

Bearkat Zach Adkisson helped lay the Demons down on Saturday as the Bearkats defeated the Demons 6-4.

Adkisson pitched the Bearkats' first complete game of the season while taking his fourth win of the season. Adkisson allowed seven hits and four runs while walking three Demons during the game.

The Demons had a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning before the Bearkats scored three in the sixth.

NSU took the lead one more time before Bearkat first baseman Andrew Kasparek hit a two run single that put the Bearkats on top for the rest of the game.

Ford, Nichols spark NSU

By Patrick West
Sports editor
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Northwestern State snapped a three-game losing streak Wednesday night behind a dominating pitching performance by freshman right-hander Amie Ford and key hits by senior catcher Krystle Nichols.

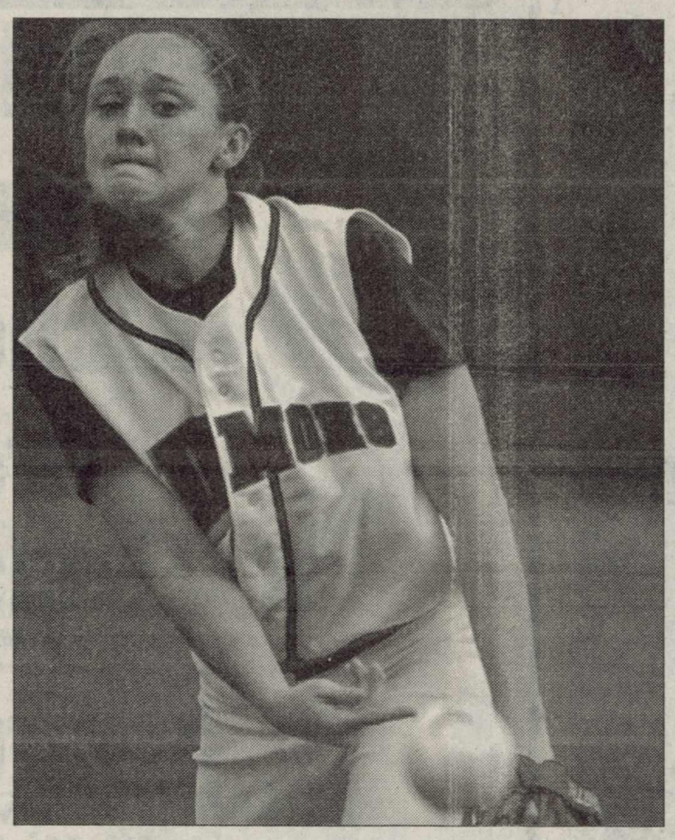
Ford (15-8) struck out eight batters and allowed only three hits as NSU squeaked by the Centenary Ladies 2-0 at Demon Diamond. With the win, NSU improves to 28-26 on the season and avenged a non-conference loss to the Ladies last month in Shreveport, 6-1.

"It felt really good to win because we went there and they totally put us in our place," Nichols said.

Both teams had trouble getting the ball in the outfield with the swirling winds around the ballpark. The teams combined for nine hits as NSU had seven hits for the night.

The Ladies never got a runner past second base in seven innings against Ford and had only two batters reach second base.

Nichols made the most of her last game at Demon Diamond as NSU capped off their final home game of the season. Nichols had two hits, a single and a RBI double. She also drove in the second run for the Demons, but reached base on a throwing error, causing the run to be unearned.



Cheryl Thompson/*the Current Sauce*
Freshman Amie Ford pitched a jewel Wednesday night at home as she struck out eight batters against C entenary. NSU won 2-0.

"It is great to get a win, especially with this being our last home game of the season and me being a senior," Nichols said. "Going out a loser wouldn't be great."

Other seniors making their final appearance at home were right fielder Lindsey Danzy, first baseman Kiana Scott, second baseman Tracye Thompson and pitcher Crista Miller.

Margaret Patterson got the Demons on the board in the second inning, leading off with a single past the shortstop. Patterson later scored on Nichols' double.

Danzy also contributed with a single. Danzy later scored on the throwing error in the fourth inning.

NSU hits the road for their final three games of the regular season. The Demons are trying to get back on a winning track after getting swept at Sam Houston State last weekend.

The Demons need to win at least two games this weekend against Nicholls to make the Southland Conference Tournament.

NSU currently stands in fifth place in the SLC standings. NSU softball Head Coach Eileen Schmidt said if NSU does not win at least two games, the Demons would need help from the Southeastern and Stephen F. Austin game this weekend because SFA beat us two out of three in Nacogdoches, and they own the tiebreaker.

"This weekend is important, if we win two we are automatically in," Schmidt said. "Obviously, if we are still in control of our destiny it makes a difference because there are a lot of people that aren't in control."

NSU is trying to make their league-best eighth straight SLC Tournament appearance this weekend in Thibodeaux.

Tennis tames the Ragin' Cajuns

By Warren Hayes
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The Northwestern State University Lady Demons tennis team hosted the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Saturday afternoon giving the Lady Demons a 4-3 victory.

After Louisiana Tech ended NSUs 9-0 winning streak, the Lady Demons captured a victory in a three hour struggle, and will travel to Lake Charles to play in the Southland Conference tournament.

The Lady Demons opened the game by defeating ULL in the doubles match-ups. Alexandra Nieto and Anneline Zerwick won the No. 2 doubles 8-3 over ULL players Celine VanWeydeveld and Fernada Kompatscher.

"We have been playing good doubles match-ups," Assistant Coach Katy Wallace said. "We are the number two seed, and with hard work, we will eventually become number one."

"The heat makes it difficult to focus in the match-ups," Van den Berg said. "Even though the heat is strong, we are getting better and better in our performances."

The singles match-ups proved to be a struggle for the Lady Demons, but No. 1 Van Weydeveld defeated Eliza Young 7-5.

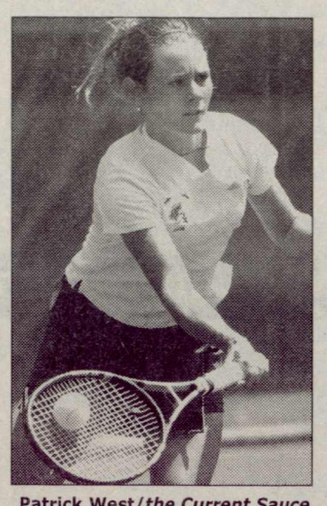
ULL was able to win three of the five match-ups, and the contest between No. 6 Camila Prado and Cerbon would decide if the Lady Demons would be victorious.

Prado won the singles match-up giving Northwestern State University a 4-3 victory after a three-hour match.

The Lady Demons will travel to Lake Charles to compete in the Southland Conference tournament this weekend.

The Lady Demons have a bye in the tournament and will use the first round bye to their advantage.

"We are going to watch the match-ups between McNeese State and the University of Southeastern," Nieto said. "Hopefully, we can learn their strengths and weaknesses."



Patrick West/*the Current Sauce*
Eliza Young hits a serve back during a doubles match.

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (28-26)

April 21, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Centenary

NSU 2 - Centenary 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
CU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
NSU	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	-	2	7	0

April 18, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Sam Houston State**

NSU 3 - **SHSU 4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	-	3	7	2
SHSU	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	-	4	6	1

Northwestern State vs. SHSU

NSU 1 - **SHSU 3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	1	6	2
SHSU	2	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	3	9	1

Key Player:
Amie Ford
No runs & only three hits vs. Centenary
freshman pitcher

NSU Baseball (22-14)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Bobby Barbier
3-for-4 with two RBIs vs. Sam Houston State
sophomore catcher

April 18, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Sam Houston State (13-22-1)

NSU 7 - SHSU 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
SHSU	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	2	11	2
NSU	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	X	-	7	9	0

April 17, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **SHSU**

NSU 4 - **SHSU 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
SHSU	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	-	6	8	0
NSU	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	-	4	7	1

Northwestern State vs. SHSU

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
SHSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
NSU	1	0	2	1	3	0	3	-	10	14	0

This Just In

Courtesy
Sports Information Bureau

TRACK

Waugh named SLC athlete of the week

Northwestern State sophomore Cameron Waugh, a Shreveport-Byrd product, has been voted Southland Conference male track and field "Athlete of the Week" after recording an NCAA Regional qualifying mark in the high jump on Saturday.

Waugh, who won last year's SLC Indoors and Outdoors high jump titles, cleared 6-10 3/4 to finish second in the event Saturday at the TCU Invitational. It was the best mark this spring by an SLC competitor.

Teammate Derrion Harris also cleared 6-10 3/4 but placed third in the competition at TCU due to more misses at lower heights.

The Demons will compete Saturday at Louisiana-Monroe.

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Jim Haslett, head coach of the Saints, will be among visitors

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Friday, April 30

FINAL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN:
5:30 PM, Friday, April 30

Final Examinations END:
1:30 PM, Friday, May 7

GRADES DUE FOR CANDIDATES:
10 AM Friday, April 30
ALL GRADES DUE:
Noon Monday, May 10

Graduating Senior Exams:
Please arrange exam time with your professors.

Regular Final Exams:

Friday, April 30, 2004
5:30 - 8:00
ALL SECTIONS OF:
CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080

Saturday, May 1, 2004
Saturday Classes Arrange with instructors

Monday, May 3, 2004
8:00 - 10:30
ALL SECTIONS OF:
ENGL 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020
SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20
SCTT 3810, 4810-20

11:00 - 1:30
11:00 MWF and MW Classes

2:00 - 4:30
2:00 MWF and MW Classes
2:30 MW Classes

5:30 - 8:00
4:00 MWF and MW Classes
Monday Night Classes

Tuesday, May 4, 2004
8:00 - 10:30
8:00 TR Classes

11:00 - 1:30
11:00 TR Classes

2:00 - 4:30
ALL SECTIONS OF:
MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060

5:30 - 8:00
3:30 TR Classes
Tuesday Night Classes

Wednesday, May 5, 2004
8:00 - 10:30
8:00 MWF and MW Classes

11:00 - 1:30
10:00 MWF and MW Classes

2:00 - 4:30
12:00 MWF and MW Classes

5:30 - 8:00
3:00 MWF and MW Classes
Wednesday Night Classes

Thursday, May 6, 2004
8:00 - 10:30
9:30 TR Classes

11:00 - 1:30
12:30 TR Classes

2:00 - 4:30
2:00 TR Classes

5:30 - 8:00
Thursday Night Classes

Friday, May 7, 2004
8:00 - 10:30
9:00 MWF and MW Classes

11:00 - 1:30
1:00 MWF and MW Classes

Graduation plans made for May 7

By Kyle A. Carter
News Editor

May 7 will mark the end of a long road for many Northwestern State students who will be participating in the graduation ceremonies that day, but it will also be a chance for some alumni to take a look back.

About 800 students attending the University are scheduled to graduate this semester. The school is planning for U.S. Rep. Billy Tauzin to be the guest speaker at commencement. Tauzin represents Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District.

University President Randall Webb said that he is excited about the selection of Tauzin as the guest speaker, but he hopes that medical setbacks do not keep him from being able to address the graduates. Tauzin, Webb said, has had recent surgeries that have slowed his work and may interfere with his ability to be the speaker at the ceremonies.

"We have let his staff know that we did not want this to be a burden on him because he has recently undergone extensive surgery, but he seems really committed to this which is very exciting for me," Webb said.

Besides graduating students who will be recognized for their honors, the university plans to honor others as well. Retired Maj. Gen. Erbon Wise will be receiving an honorary doctorate in journalism from the University for 15 years of contributions to the University, said Steve Horton, head of the journalism department.

Webb said that through the years, Wise has distinguished himself as a businessman and publisher.

Horton said Wise's most recent contribution to the University was to help in setting up a $1 million endowed chair in the department of journalism. He helped fund the chair through a personal donation that was matched by the state.

Wise has also served with the NSU Foundation and helped the University by gaining support and donations for departments, setting up scholarships and helping find internships for students, Horton said.

Horton said an honorary doctorate is not an academic degree, but it is the highest honor that a university cangive to a person in a field of study. Webb also said that an honorary doctorate is meant to honor those people who show excellence in a field of study but did not take the classroom time to earn the degree.

Horton said to receive an honorary doctorate, a member of the faculty, staff or administration must first nominate a person. That nomination must be approved through the administrative ladder until it reaches the Board of Regents, who then have the final say.

Horton said Wise's nomination was well received throughout the department and administration.

"The nomination was a unanimous decision in the journalism faculty," Horton said.

In addition to the new graduates participating in next week's ceremonies, there will be many present who will receive their second diploma.

Graduates from 50 years ago are awarded a second diploma through the Alumni Center, said Lillie Bell, a representative of the Registrar's Office.

"Those students from exactly 50 years ago get asked to come back and receive a second diploma and be a part of the graduation ceremony," Bell said.

This tradition has been going on for around 20 years, Bell said, and it gives a chance for alumni to see changes to the University since they were last here.

The May 7 ceremonies have been split into two parts, separating the graduating students into 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. ceremonies. Both ceremonies will be held in Prather Coliseum, and there are no plans to hold any practices for walking during graduation before next Friday.

Because of this, the University is asking students to begin arriving early for their graduation time. The University asks that all students graduating at the morning ceremony arrive for instructions at 9 a.m., and students graduating in the afternoon should arrive at 2 p.m.

Information on the ceremonies, including lists of students graduating at each part of the ceremonies, is available on the Internet at www.nsula.edu/registrar.

CIS students win national awards

By Katrina Dixon
Sauce Reporter

For the fourth consecutive year, a group of Northwestern State computer system analysis students won first place at the national Association of Information Technology Professionals competition conference.

Barbara Russell, the association's faculty adviser, said NSU won one of the conference's largest awards by placing first in the systems analysis and design contest. This year's winning team was Nick Hammonds and James Smith.

Smith, who plans to graduate in summer 2004, said he feels NSU made a large accomplishment, but that there is never a way to know the capability of the other teams until awards are given.

"We came, we saw and we conquered, again," Smith said.

From April 1 to April 3, 34 NSU students attended the AITP National Collegiate Conference in Omaha, Neb., during which they earned many of the top awards in several different categories.

Russell also said NSU won the Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year award, as well as the Top Monkey award for the second year. The Top Monkey award is based on which school traveled the longest and had the most members.

In the COBOL programming division, NSU won the top three awards. R.L. Johnson and Jeremy Wilmot took first place, Hammonds and Curtis Penrod took second place and Beth Anderson won third.

Penrod, who is double majoring in CIS and Business Administration, said NSU's success each year shows the quality of the program and faculty.

"We haven't just had one person go through and win awards. We have different people every year winning or placing in these competitions," Penrod said.

In the database competition, Kelli Fontana and Penrod won first place, followed by second place winners Anderson and Jeffrey Mathis.

Kristin Aillet won another first place prize in the association's student chapter banner contest.

"At the awards banquet, I loved hearing them call out NSU for about 15 different awards," Fontana said. She also said the hardest part of the entire competition was getting everything done in only a three-hour time limit.

Some of the 84 other competing colleges and universities at the NCC were Brigham Young University, Illinois State University, Ithaca College and Purdue University.

Jack Russell, the CIS chair at NSU, said a lot of preparation goes into a national competition, and there is great satisfaction in knowing NSU's CIS program has been brought to a higher level.

Russell said that it is a good feeling to be representing a relatively unknown school to being listed in Business Week magazine as an area of excellence and listed as one of the top five institutions in the nation by State Farm Insurance.

CIS students and winners were invited to attend a recognition ceremony in Russell Hall Wednesday.



Leslie Westbrook/*the Current Sauce*
CIS students receive the AITP Association award for outstanding chapter of the year Wednesday. That award is only given to one school each year.

Book adoption program helps smooth book buy-back

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy Editor

Thanks to early textbook adoptions by faculty, local bookstores are saying this semester's buy-back season is going smoother than usual.

University Bookstore Manager Bobby Hamous said adoptions received before the opening day of buy-back are up almost 30 percent to 73 percent, compared to Spring 2003.

Hamous said the increase was the goal of a campus-wide promotional campaign urging students to talk to faculty about book adoptions.

He said he also sent e-mailed letters to faculty asking for adoptions to come in on April 15, almost two weeks before buy-back was scheduled to begin.

Campus Corner Textbook Manager Jeremy Procell said that by the end of Tuesday, the first day of buy-back, all but about 3 percent of classes' book orders were entered into their computer system.

The remaining classes, Procell said, had not yet decided on a book, had not turned in an adoption form or still had unanswered questions about their adoptions.

For classes that have not yet turned in an adoption form, both Procell and Hamous recommend that students check back with the store later, since the stores are waiting on some faculty adoption forms to reach them.

Both managers stressed that their bookstores want to buy used books at half price, and want to sell more used books next semester, but can only effectively do so if faculty decides to use the same books.

"We have no problem showing students what the professor sent us," Procell said. "We offer and buy back what professors submit to us; it's 100 percent professor requisitioned."

Hamous said his store ended up having to donate or dispose of used books from the last year, valued at about $100,000, that the store could not sell because of changes in book adoptions

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NSU NEWS22 FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Thundershowers	Showers	Thundershowers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudly	Sunny
76°/66°	80°/67°	75°/56°	75°/50°	78°/53°	79°/52°

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ER POLICE BLOTTER PO

4-21-04
12:41 a.m.
There was a report that a man looked like he was trying to get into the Rec Complex to take golf balls.
2:59 p.m.
A Natchitoches Police unit called requesting information on a student for an off-campus medical emergency involving extreme intoxication.
6:15 p.m.
A resident of married student housing called wanting to make a report of an unruly child.
9:40 p.m.
There was a report of someone smelling drugs at the Student Union. Officers found nothing.
11:54 p.m.
A man came in to report a theft.

4-22-04
10:20 a.m.
A man called in reference to the theft of several book bags. Two officers were dispatched.
6:59 p.m.
A woman came in to file a report on people hitting her car with water balloons and messing her mirror up.
9:33 p.m.
A man called to report a wreck behind Sabine. One woman thought she may have broken her arm, and a pregnant woman was in pain.

4-23-04
2:36 a.m.
A man called to report an incident of obscenity and indecent exposure at Iberville Dining Hall. The officer dispatched said that everyone appeared to have clothes on.
12:00 p.m.
A woman wanted to file a report on a fight that happened at the Columns.
2:34 p.m.
A student wanted to file a report on a theft.

4-25-04
4:43 p.m.
A man called to report that he witnessed a hit and run.
8:22 p.m.
A woman called to report an assault.

4-26-04
1:35 p.m.
A call was received about a subject hitting a football helmet with a baseball bat against the side of the Fine Arts building.
3:32 p.m.
A man came in to report that his bicycle had been stolen.

4-27-04
3:32 p.m.
A woman called to report damage to the inside of her vehicle at the Columns. There were eggs inside her car

Elizabeth Bolt

Coroner: Waddell's death caused by heart condition

By Jimmy Brown
Sauce Reporter

According to a preliminary autopsy report, the death of NSU student and football player Chris Waddell was caused by a heart attack related to a pre-existing childhood condition.

Waddell, an 18-year-old freshman, collapsed during football practice at Turpin Stadium last month. He died shortly afterward at Natchitoches Parish Hospital, according to a press release from the University Athletic Department.

The autopsy report stated the official cause of Waddell's death was an acute myocardial infarction related to a childhood cardiovascular disease known as Kawasaki's syndrome.

Natchitoches Parish coroner Dr. Charles Curtis said the autopsy results are preliminary findings awaiting toxicology and microscopic examinations to be finished in several weeks ahead, but added that there is no reason to believe any other element was the cause of the death.

NSU football Head Coach Scott Stoker said Kawasaki's syndrome is a very rare disease found among young blacks.

Curtis said the syndrome could lead to early cardiovascular disease and the hardening of the heart.

According to the press release, Waddell's mother said her son was treated in his childhood and medically cleared for all activities.

Stoker said Waddell passed his last physical in August.

The players are required to have a physical at least once each year by the team's head trainer and doctor, Stoker said. He said the physicals are very thorough evaluations and, even so, there was no way to detect Waddell's condition.

Stoker said the physicians search for everything, including irregular heartbeats and hernias. He said the physicals require the players to fill out paperwork regarding their family's medical history.

Also, Stoker said the workouts during the practice in which Waddell collapsed were not as intense compared to previous workouts.

"It could have happened going to the library," Stoker said.

Stoker said no major policies have been added or changed regarding physicals or practices. He said the staff has always paid close attention to every aspect dealing with the players, but they are now being even more cautious.

Stoker said Waddell's death has made the team grow up and become more appreciative.

"It's going to be with us forever," Stoker said. "Chris is apart of our family just like his family is still apart of us."

Stoker said he speaks with Waddell's mother on a regular basis, and said she has been a source of inspiration for the staff and team.

"She's an extremely strong woman," Stoker said. "She's shown us more how to handle things and how much stronger she is makes us look almost inferior, the way she handles everything."

Independent play seeks actors

By Kyle A. Carter
News Editor

Have you ever wanted to be in a play but have no acting experience? Well now is your chance to try out for the first production of the It Ain't Broadway company.

Bree Kenny, an NSU student, and Oona Zibtkoviskis-Gillis, a local resident, have made plans to produce Paul Rudnick's play *I Hate Hamlet*, and they are looking for anyone to help. The two, who want to bring theater to all of Natchitoches, said they are asking for dependable people to audition for parts in the play or just volunteer to help in any way. The two said they needed to fill three male and three female character roles as well as find people who can help in fundraising and production.

"We really want people who are going to be dependable," Kenny said. "It is a small production, and we need people who will be there."

The play is about a young man, Andrew, who loses his job as a television actor and moves to New York to be a stage performer, Kenny explained. Andrew lands a role as Hamlet and goes through a series of events that deal with his fears of being a bad actor and the day-to-day trials he experiences preparing for the production.

"The basic theme is theater versus television," Kenny said.

The play incorporates strong characters with their own unique personalities, Kenny said.

The positions are open to anyone, but they said they are looking for people ages 18 and up due to some adult situations. Kenny and Zibtkoviskis-Gillis explained that this would be a good chance for anyone to try out their talents and be part of something different.

"It is an opportunity for people who do not have the chances to do something like this to find out their hidden talents," Kenny said. "It is the little league of theatre."

Zibtkoviskis-Gillis said that auditions would take place on May 6 at the Natchitoches Arts Center on Second Street. The auditions are beginning at 7 p.m. The play is scheduled to be in late August. Those chosen to be in the play will be informed by May 10. These people will be expected to hold three readings of the play before the end of May as well as thrice a week rehearsals to be held through out the summer. June 4 is the first scheduled rehearsal and others will fall on the days of the week that are convenient for those in the play, Zibtkoviskis-Gillis said.

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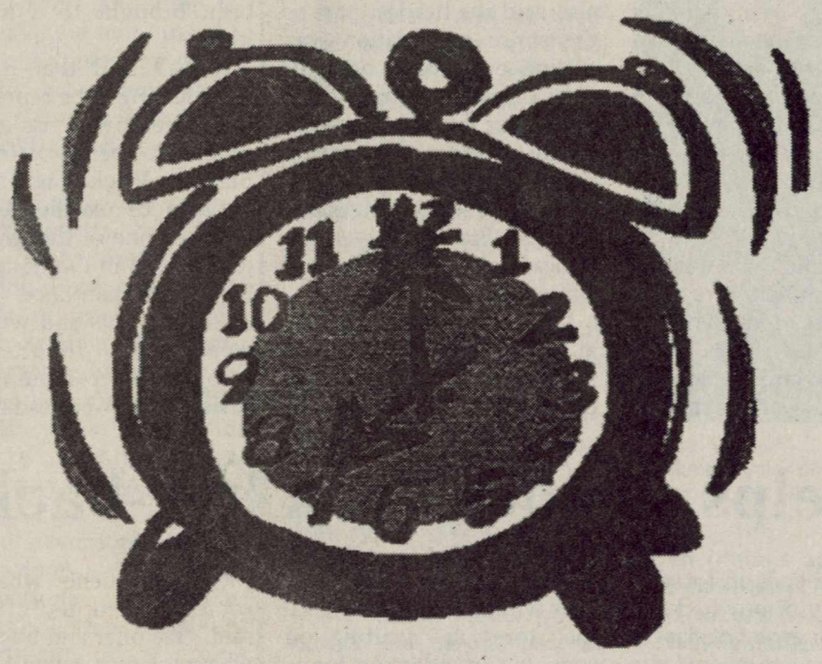
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Leslie Westbrook/*the Current Sauce*

Senior Jared Monroe sells his books back at the campus bookstore Wednesday.

More details about book buy back

By Garrett Guillotte
Copy Editor

If you buy a new book, sell it back to the University Bookstore at half value, and another student buys that book used next semester at a 25 percent mark-up, where does the money go?

"Publishers don't make money off used books, only new copies" store manager Bobby Hamous said. "In our case, we don't mind telling you the price because we're not making a large profit on it."

The University, through its contract with the store's parent company, Barnes & Noble, sets the mark-up on books for the store at 25 percent – meaning the store has very little power over how used books are priced. Off-campus stores, such as Campus Corner, and Internet book sellers set their own mark-up on books.

Of that 25 percent mark-up at the University Bookstore, Hamous said:

10 percent is automatically given to the University as a commission. Hamous said this covers the bookstore's privilege to operate on campus, and that off-campus bookstores are not required to pay the University any money.

About 9 percent goes to the store's payroll to pay its employees.

Under most circumstances, about 3 percent goes to the store's operating expenses.

If the remaining 3 percent goes to profit, Hamous said the store is operating "in good shape." However, there is an element of risk in buying back a book, Hamous said: if a store buys a book back and cannot sell it the next semester, that 3 percent goes to cover that expense.

What measures are in place to track and prevent people from selling stolen textbooks back to the bookstores?

Campus Corner Textbook Manager Jeremy Procell said students should first call University Police since the bookstore cannot take much action without the University.

"We can't question each student," Procell said.

He said that the store does check student ID cards. He added that, when reporting a stolen textbook, students should identify specific traits that could identify that book. If the store suspects a book being sold back is stolen, an employee will notify police.

Families cope with soldiers' terms in Iraq

By Courtney Cavaliere
Sauce Reporter

NSU senior Rochelle Hooks was eagerly preparing for her July wedding to Kendrick Sallis, a sergeant in the 1st/2nd Armored Calvary Regiment, until a recent military decision forced her to change her plans.

Sallis returned to Louisiana only a few weeks ago, having served almost a year in Baghdad, yet he was recently told that he must return to Iraq for additional service time. Sallis is one of many soldiers whose time at home has either been delayed or cut short due to trouble in Iraq.

Adjunct Instructor Molly Edmonds, who teaches human anatomy at the NSU Fort Polk campus, explained that the entire 2nd ACR was scheduled to return to the U.S. within the next few weeks because the unit was under rotation.

Shortly after the first part of the unit arrived in the states, however, army officials notified the soldiers and their families that the 2nd ACR was still needed overseas.

Edmonds said thousands of soldiers have to delay their homecomings. Other soldiers, who returned home only a few weeks ago, are being redeployed. Many members of the unit are being replaced in Baghdad and moved to other areas of the country.

This military decision has affected countless men and women in and around NSU.

B.J. Green, NSU's Army National Guard recruiter, said that the 2nd ACR is a large division, and a lot of the soldiers in Iraq have local families. Green said these delays and redeployments were instigated by escalated violence in Iraq earlier this month.

"In a lot of different towns, there've been spurts everywhere," Green said. "There are little pockets of resistance, as the president calls it."

He said the 2nd ACR is needed in various areas of Iraq to help regain stability.

"They are going back out into Iraq, probably into hostile areas," Green said. "They're going wherever they're needed."

Hooks, a psychology major and cadet in the ROTC, said Sallis is now scheduled to return in August. She said he was disappointed by the news.

"He doesn't want to go back, but he says if he has to, he's not going to push the issue," Hooks said. "All the guys were pretty upset about it because they came home thinking that they would be home. They were supposed to start a two-year stabilization, which meant they were here in the United States training."

Hooks, meanwhile, has had to face her own disappointments, including the postponement of her wedding.

"I cancelled everything," Hooks said. "I cancelled the wedding, cancelled the honeymoon, lost a couple hundred dollars just canceling various things. I'm not happy at all."

Other students and faculty are in similar predicaments, with spouses, family or loved ones still overseas.

Edmonds, whose husband Jeffrey is a captain in the 2nd ACR, said she had to cancel her own plans and vacations, as did many of her friends and associates.

"It was very, very disappointing," Edmonds said. "I found out right before Easter, and that's not a good time to hear bad news."

Moreover, Edmonds said the situation has negatively affected morale within her Fort Polk classrooms.

"The majority of (my students) have husbands who are over there," Edmonds said. "A lot of them seem to have taken the news pretty hard. There's a lot of depression."

Senior Ivonne Knutson, a general studies major at the Fort Polk campus, was supposed to be reunited with her husband Timothy this week. She said it should now take another four to six months before he comes home.

"I cope by talking about it a lot, writing him letters, sending him packages and just waiting for his phone calls," Knutson said.

She said she also receives emotional support from the Family Readiness Group in Fort Polk, an organization that informs and helps the spouses of soldiers in the unit. Knutson said the group gives her the opportunity to communicate with people familiar with her predicament.

"You're surrounded by people who are in the same boat that you are in," Knutson said. "They understand your situation because they're going through it themselves."

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> **Joshua Erb**
> ROTC cadet who returned from Iraq in October

Junior Joshua Erb, a social sciences major and ROTC cadet, returned in October from five months of duty in Baghdad. He served in the same unit as Hooks' fiance Sallis, and he said he admires Hooks' coping skills.

"She has handled it quite well," Erb said. "And I think she understands because she's kind of in the circle. She understands kind of what's going on, but a lot of family members don't. Their hopes have been, since day one, April.

"To have that time come and actually have people that have been here for a week or two and then hear, 'Guess what, don't unpack because you're out of here again.' Can you imagine how unstable that is, emotionally, not counting everything else?

"I understand that there's a mission. I understand that you have certain tasks that need to be done. But doggone it, it just drains you. It really does," Erb said.

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A day in the life of a student media head



By Elaine Broussard
Editor in chief

Considering that I have only officially been *Current Sauce* editor since Monday, you may wonder how I am able to effectively assign this title to my first editorial. The truth is, I really can't accurately predict what my daily life will be like for the next year, but I can surely guess.

I have seen my predecessors laugh, cry, stand proud and lay in the gutter, so to speak. I want all students, faculty, administrators and alumni who read the *Sauce* to know that I am very well aware of how great of a responsibility I am taking on. I am also aware of how my decisions affect countless other people as well as the overall image of the University.

One of the side effects of working on a publication such as this is that you become a very informed member of the community. The next thing that happens is that you become passionate about gathering even more information. Then, you inevitably begin to form unique ideas and opinions.

After going through this process, I am ready to put these experiences to good use. As a new student media head, I would now like to introduce myself to you.

I am Elaine Broussard, a fourth semester "junior by hours." I am a young, liberal woman and yes, a Scholars' College student. I am also responsible, intelligent, honest, fair, and most importantly open-minded. I believe that these qualities have brought me so much success in my life.

As I take my new position, I would like to thank all of the people who helped me get here. Thanks a million to Paula Furr and Neil Ralston for always having time to give me much needed advice. Thank you, Kristen Dauzat and Garrett Guillotte for believing in me and paving my way. It was one of my life's greatest pleasures to work for you both. I would like to thank everyone who has ever given me encouraging words and inspired me to do my best work.

I would also like to thank anyone who does not support me. You only further inspire me to beat the odds and do my very best.

I see a long and difficult road ahead, but I'm more than ready to get started. Oh, and if you really want to know what the daily life of the *Current Sauce* editor is like, don't worry. I'll get back to you shortly.

Sketch

BY CONNOR JOHNSON



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Letters to the Editor

Potpourri editor responds to yearbook controversy

I am both delighted and disappointed by the response to this year's *Potpourri*. An amazing number of students have actually picked up their books and many have responded positively to the diversity of the coverage. Yet I am saddened by the negative response to two spreads that can be found under the "student life" section – notice this is not limited to "campus life."

Sex and drugs are part of every student's life, whether you choose to partake or abstain. The most-requested songs, top television programs, movies, books, textbooks, classical literature and our social conversations are dominated by these topics. They are major issues of our generation and are entirely relevant and appropriate for coverage in a mature, collegiate publication. The "negative image" the coverage has allegedly portrayed of this University has, in fact, been argued by those who have not seen, not read or misunderstood the coverage. The stories are not intended to advocate or glorify these activities and we attempted to address the subjects from a number of angles. It is possible that some may have misinterpreted the content. However, I request that before you fire off an uninformed complaint letter, at least look at the book first.

You may notice a motif of song lyrics as headlines. "Hooked On a Feeling" is a song popularized by BJ Thomas and "Let's Get It On" is a well-known Marvin Gaye song. They are simply song lyrics and were not intended to promote any particular activity.

The "Hooked" spread features a large picture of students drinking in a bar. There is a smaller picture of a student smoking marijuana and another of a student with LSD on his tongue. Most people have seen far worse in PSAs, fourth-grade D.A.R.E. classes or even health textbooks. The story covers drug use, binge drinking - a serious problem nationwide - and the life of a student ruined by drugs, who subsequently lost her scholarships and had to start her life over.

The spread about sex features a simple picture of two students lying together in bed, a student picking up condoms from the Infirmary and another of students holding hands with abstinence rings. The story covers those who have sex and their reasons why, condom bingo games and students who choose to abstain from sex and their reasons for doing so.

To those individuals who have chosen or threatened to change schools or withhold funding, I wonder what world you are living in. I guarantee that every school - public or private - in every city faces these issues every day. I hoped our students, alumni and faculty could rank among those who address these issues with a mature, intellectual attitude. Some have, and discussions stemming from this debate have prompted constructive action by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and in media and ethics classes.

I am frustrated that these two spreads have overshadowed the unprecedented diverse coverage. We also featured academically-focused students, CIS victories, the rodeo team, the observatory, groundbreaking research programs, the library's unique rare book collection, the English department's literary magazines - and the list goes on.

The theme of the book is "a closer look." My notes in the back of the book explain, "College should challenge you to take a closer look at your views, attitudes and most importantly - yourself. If one picture, one story, one quote or one idea in this publication makes you stop and think, then I have accomplished my goal. It is up to every individual to take a closer look at the things outside of your clique or comfort zone and learn to appreciate the diversity of not only this campus, but of this world."

The *Potpourri* adviser Mary Brocato and I attended the SGA meeting to present legal information concerning the legislation regarding student media funding. This was never intended as a threat, but merely a presentation of the reality of the legality of the situation. The voting senators who may not have been aware that the action would be illegal deserved to be informed. We attempted to erase the emotional and moral aspects from the dispute and assess the situation from a professional standpoint.

Everyone has every right to be disappointed, offended and disgusted. I would, and will continue to, fight for the right to express such opinions. However, wanting to stilfe the free press or choosing to ignore issues because they make you uncomfortable is a tragedy.

Christine Harper
Editor in Chief 2004 *Potpourri*

Student pictured in yearbook not ashamed

Dear Editor,

I've never written to this publication, or to any other, because I have never had a reason to. However, recent events have prompted me to voice my opinion. Three weeks ago, my picture was published in the *Potpourri*. I am one of the two "half-naked people" pictured in the article about sexual activity within our college community.

Last October, *Potpourri* photographer Glenn Ward called me about the story on sex that was planned for the yearbook. He said he wanted a picture of a couple lying down together, so that this facet of relationships and sexual activity could be represented. I was flattered that he asked me and my long-term boyfriend for the picture, and I immediately agreed because we were already lying down together when he called. No one came to us and said, "Take your clothes off and get into the bed." I would not have agreed to have the picture taken unless the conditions were natural. I believe Glenn captured a very clear example of two people enjoying the closeness of their relationship.

As far as the story as a whole, I think all sides of it were well portrayed. The author used quotes from the sexually active as well as the abstinent. It is not possible to determine from the picture whether or not we are sexually active, which, by the way, is none of anyone's business. If this picture was removed from the context of the story in which it was featured, I doubt anyone would find it offensive. This leads me to believe that the problems we are facing here do not concern our bare shoulders, but the subject of sex and the naked human body. I could go on to explain my views on how nudity, the female body in particular, is treated in a patriarchal society. It has been labeled offensive for women to explore their sexuality or expose anyone else to it. The past injustices that aided sexual oppression in our society are still appearing. Denying that women and men are biological entities with the same sexual instincts as those of any mammal has produced in our society a double standard for the behavior of women. However, I think the real issue here is censorship. We live in age where tolerance is being greatly confused with acceptance. Those people who will not accept what is put before them will eventually move on to censor that which they should merely tolerate. To me, this picture is beautiful because it captures a loving moment, and love is such a beautiful thing. There have been people in every generation who are offended and therefore oppose and attempt to strike down that which many of us find beautiful. Those of us in the fine arts, myself included, have learned this lesson all too well. I say that any person or group who wishes to eliminate the product of a free press--beautiful, grotesque, or merely misunderstood--is no better than a book burner or vandal.

People will eventually have to realize that while everyone reserves the right to produce potentially offensive material, they also have the right to turn their heads, flip the channel, change the station, or turn the page. Of course, my idealistic vision of tolerance failed to prepare me for the reactions to this picture. I've been called names that are not worthy of mention, and someone even felt the need to call my parents to let them know "the truth" about my activities at college. By the way, if that person happens to be reading this, I would like to say this: I am an adult of nearly 24 years, and calling my parents did not and will not get you ANYWHWERE!

Personally, I think that if the *Potpourri* staff had intended to visually offend anyone with an image featured in a story on sex, they could have come up with a picture far more lascivious and lude. I also think that if the students at NSU wish to passionately support or protest anything on our campus, then there are more worthwhile ventures into which that energy can be directed. If you are worried about what your children might say in the years ahead when they see your old college yearbook, tell them that in your college community, some students chose to be sexually active, and some chose to abstain from sex. And to some, like those people in the picture, those things were irrelevant, and love, freedom and beauty were held in their highest regard.

Adrienne Stratton

Seasoned SGA senator speaks his mind

Dear friends,

A few things were in the Letters to the Editor last week that need to be set straight.

First, I wish to address Dr. Michael Cobb's letter last week in Response to "The Origin of Easter". Dr. Cobb informed us that too often the local media puts too much emphasis on Christianity and not enough on other religions. I wonder if that has something to do with us living in the Bible-Belt. Hmm… Personally, I don't really care if the media writes about how many bowls of banana pudding crazy Brother Ralph put down at the last church social! If people want to read it, that's great!

Also, he said that the media places too much emphasis on "insignificant" events like pastoral retirements. That's really good. I can just imagine the conversation when the public was enlightened by this striking fact:

"Well, Brother Ralph, there goes that crazy media covering Reverend Roofus' retirement. It doesn't matter that he has served both God and this community for 30 years. It doesn't matter that he baptized your kids. It doesn't matter that when your daughter married that good ol' boy down the street he was there to celebrate with you. It doesn't matter that when your mother in law passed away he was there to console you. That Dr. Cobb fellow says pastoral retirements are "insignificant" events and we should listen to him. I'll tell you, Ralph, that crazy media should not be reporting it. Shame on them."

Second, I have to address the *Potpourri* scandal. Student after student has come to me voicing their disdain for the yearbook and wondering why the SGA can't do something about it. I tell them that when the SGA attempted to take action in the students' behalf, administrators started throwing around words like "lawsuit" and "punitive damages" saying that the SGA was going to violate the almighty and sacred freedom of the student press. The implied threat of a lawsuit is childish. It amounts to a 5-year-old threatening to tell his mommy if he doesn't get his way. This University claims that the students come first, but yet the yearbook advisor attempts to stymie the Voice of the Students by implying legal action. That's a great precedent. When the students want the option of buying your yearbook, you should tell them, "NO! You WILL buy our yearbook, or we will sue you!" That'll fix them.

Just a note: I'm not implying all journalism people are bad. In fact, a majority are wonderful people and I have the utmost respect for them.

I'd like to close by saying that the SGA is a great organization. With the loss of people like Mr. Carl P. Henry III and members like Dustin Floyd and Scott Manguno the SGA is bound for a shock, but I truly believe that it will bounce back. It has to. It's the only voice the students have.

Thank you for your time.

J. Keith Gates
SGA Commissioner of the Year
SGA Huey P. Long Senator of the Year

Outgoing KNWD GM says goodbye

To the students, faculty and staff of NSU,

This being my last official duty as General Manager of KNWD, I deem it a necessary task to do. This is an official apology to every student, faculty member and my department. I was elected to serve as GM of KNWD in the spring of 2003, and I had high expectations. Some of those expectations were fulfilled, but a number of them were not, and KNWD suffered. I know that I could have done a much better job with KNWD than I did, but I didn't, and that reflects upon myself. So, to my department chair Dr. Steve Horton, the professors in my department, the Media Board, and all of the students that listen to KNWD religiously, I apologize. I let you all down, and most importantly I let myself down.

Just because KNWD suffered in my term as GM doesn't mean that it will continue to do so. Brad Hartley is an excellent candidate to run KNWD and I know that he will do a fine job next semester. I encourage all of you to tune in to "The Demon" and give Brad all the support you can, because without you, there is no Demon.

I want to thank the Media Board, Dr. Horton and the Department of Journalism for all of their support. Ms. Dootsie for every kind word I got from you, Mr. Roy Davis for all the daily advice, whether it was necessary at the time or not. The last thanks are to my staff, Brad, Toi, Adam, Mark, Chelsea, and every DJ that had a show during my term as General Manager. I appreciate all of your hard work and your diligence as you strive to be the best. I hope that all of you plan to return to KNWD and continue to be the best DJ's that The Demon has ever seen.

And while I am still in office, I would like to congratulate the staff of the *Potpourri*. You all have done an exceptional job putting together this yearbook, and once again the staff has outdone themselves. You all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. To all that oppose the yearbook, "READ THE STORIES!" You may find out that things are not as bad as you think they are.

To all of the newly elected members of Student Media, you have a long road ahead of you. Things are not going to always be easy, so stay strong, believe in your staff, and most importantly "DON'T QUIT!" Good luck to you all on your future endeavors and may God bless this university.

Warner A. Tureaud III
General Manager, KNWD
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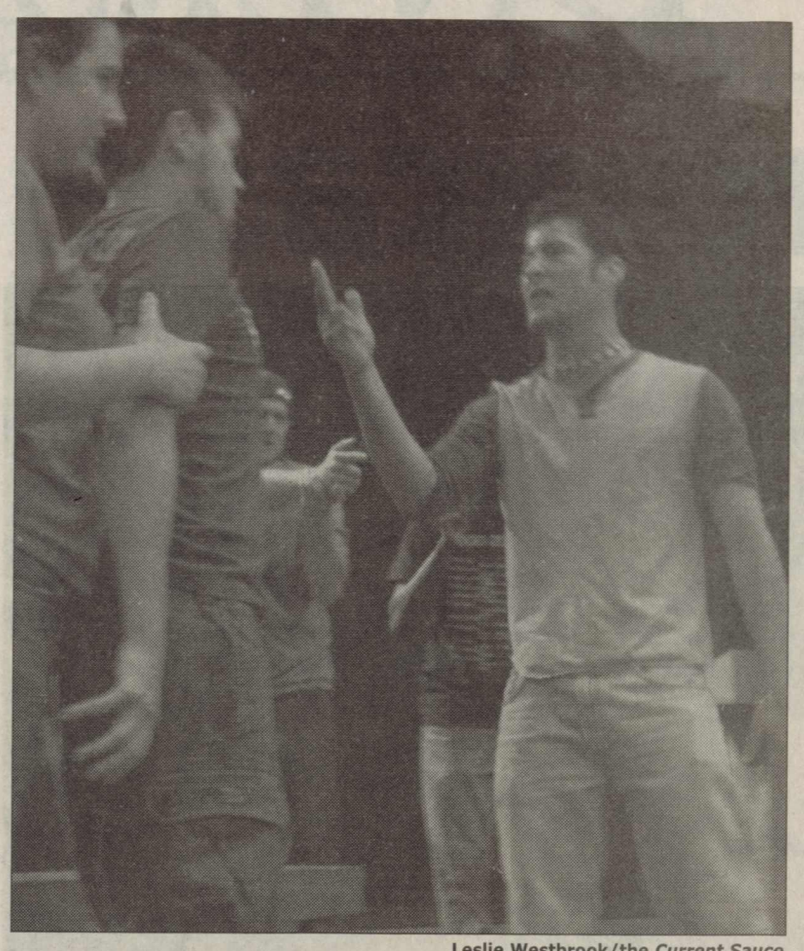
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Leslie Westbrook/the *Current Sauce*
Joe Naples, at right, points his finger like a gun at Bryan Lee, who plays Bat Boy.



Leslie Westbrook/the *Current Sauce*
Jeff Springman, at left, and Bryan Williams look over the body of Joe Naples after his character is bitten by Bat Boy and dies.

Former NSU professor holds book-signing

By Kyle Shirley
Sauce Reporter

Short-fiction writer and former NSU English professor Anthony Bukoski said the south is where "life is real" in a writing workshop on campus Friday.

"I envy your places of birth because of this great literary position," Bukoski told the group of about 11 NSU students and faculty members. "There are (writers) coming down here to learn what you have known your whole life."

Scholars' College philosophy professor Fraser Snowden said Bukoski was an English professor at NSU for one year. During that time, Bukoski published his first short story collection, the 1986 release "Twelve Below Zero."

Bukoski is currently an English professor at the University of Wisconsin in Superior. He is also researching a novel about Polish immigrants working in the sugar fields of south Louisiana.

"That's basically what he writes about, the Polish-American experience," Snowden said.

Bukoski also offered the students advice on getting their work published and the writing process.

"There are magazines all over that will pay you," Bukoski said. "Don't wait for inspiration; just start writing."

Bukoski went on to tell stories about his successes and failures as a writer.

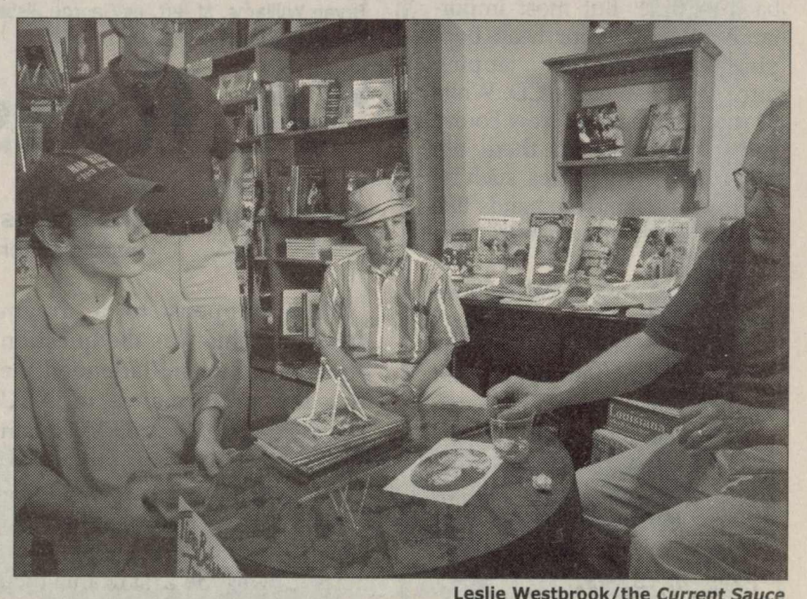
"My record was submitting a manuscript 27 times to various magazines," Bukoski said.

Despite the fact that they were largely unfamiliar with Bukoski's work, the students who attended the workshop found Bukoski to be informative and friendly.

"I like how he connected to us... he wasn't an elitist," said Thomas Parrie. "He talked to us like we were all writers."

"I really respected how he connected to his own heritage," said *Argus* editor Angelin Adams. "It makes you re-evaluate your own life."

Bukoski also performed readings from his work Thursday night and attended a book signing at The Book Merchant Friday afternoon to support his latest collection of stories, "Time Between Trains."



Leslie Westbrook/the *Current Sauce*
Glenn Ward, at left, Fraser Snowden and George Baily talk with "Time Between Trains" author Anthony Bukoski at The Book Merchant Friday afternoon.



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POP Culture
AUTHORITY ZERO

Authority gets an A+

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

Remember when rock was drum driven and full of catchy guitar riffs instead of lots of loud, clashing noises? Did you love being able to roll down the windows and play a rock album at full-blast and sing along because you could actually understand the lyrics?

If so, I definitely recommend checking out Authority Zero, an upcoming band out of Arizona. Their newest album "Andiamo" is solid from its starting "Painted Windows" to the last 'hidden' track of "Rattlin Bog."

Authority Zero is an interesting blend of styles that take you back in time. But most importantly, it keeps your head bopping and your feet tapping throughout the entire CD. While the undertone is like New Found Glory or Blink-182, there are influences from genres such as SoCal and Spanish to bands like Hootie and the Blowfish and The Aquabats.

Jason DeVore's vocal stylings are reminiscent of Cowboy Mouth's Fred LeBlanc, and the songs are a mixture of fun and quircky with a side of kick-ass.

Some standout tracks are the head-banging "Taking on the World" and "Society's Sequence," the ska-ish "A Thousand Year War" and "Retreat," an upbeat reggae-influenced song very much like 311's "Come Original." They even did a remake of the classic 80s hit "Mexican Radio," only with a rock edge to it.

So my advice is to run, drive, swim or hitchhike if you have to, to get this album. Even pay full-price instead of waiting for it to go on sale. This is one CD worth the money.

POP Culture
SKILLET

Skillet only so-so

By Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

Skillet's "Collide" is a hard and fast-paced, darker 'alternative' to the new wave of glam-punk infused rock that has been popping up lately.

When you think of Skillet, picture Linkin Park meets P.O.D. meets Evanescence. John Copper croons like Linkin Park's Chester Bennington, but screams like P.O.D.'s Sonny Sandoval. And Skillet's hauntingly mesmerizing melodies bring back memories of Evanesence's "Bring Me To Life."

"Savior" is the debut single from "Collide," but in my opinion the song that follows, "Open Wounds," is much better.

Skillet is a passion-driven band, with songs full of anger and sadness, and a beautiful yet depressing love heard in "A Little More" and title song "Collide." But even their slower songs do not give up their harsh, edgy style which is carried throughout the CD.

Some favorites to check out are "Collide," "Open Wounds," and "Imperfection." On the entire CD I was only unimpressed with two songs: "Forsaken" and "Energy." They were more like excuses to clash sounds at very high volumes and scream at the top of their lungs.

Overall it's a nice, dark CD and a nice addition to any collection.

CAPA Showcase



Leslie Westbrook/the *Current Sauce*
Bryan Williams, at left, as George, listens to Walter Lee, played by Harvard Taylor in Act 1. George's family (Mario Fox, Lawryn Wallace and Shane Stelly) listen in the background.

"A Raisin" gets rave reviews

Reviewed by Tasha Braggs
Diversions Editor

What happens to a dream deferred? This was the question brought out when I attended the Tuesday performance of NSU Theater production of "A Raisin in the Sun."

The play is by Lorraine Hansberry, an American playwright and painter, whose "A Raisin in the Sun" was the first drama by a black woman to be produced on Broadway. Hansberry died in the early 30s.

Hansberry's original version of the play is 31/2 hours long. The NSU Theater production was reduced to the length of the 1961 movie version of the play starring Sidney Poitier.

The play is set in the south side of Chicago during the late 1950s. The story is about human conditions and racial prejudice during the 50s and 60s.

The story takes place in a black home in poverty. Each character shows the true epic of the typical black family household.

The main character Walter Lee, played by Bryan Williams, is a limo driver striving to make his dream of providing for his family a reality. Williams did an excellent job of portraying the character but was not convincing in certain scenes.

Walter Lee's wife Ruth, played by Ida Henderson, is a cook working hard to provide for her family and maintain her marriage to Walter Lee. The original actress for this part was Lawryn Wallace, but Henderson acted well throughout the play.

Walter Lee's sister Beneatha, played by Krystal McBay, is a character searching for herself through her college experience. McBay brings a certain class and elegance to the part with her hard-core determination to keep the dream of becoming a doctor.

Mama, played by LaWana Felton, is the powerhouse of the production. Mama is the one that holds the family together and keeps them in their place. Felton did an excellent job of portraying my favorite character in this play.

"A Raisin in the Sun" is a powerful production that everyone should see and take into their hearts. It brings out the fact that we all have dreams, and it is our decision to make them a reality in our life or let them die. I give this production 4 1/2 stars.

"Black Crook" gets mixed reviews

Point

Review by Kyle Shirley
Sauce Reporter

I have a confession to make: I can not dance. Sure, I have been to my fair share of recitals and shows because I love the theater and respect those who have skills beyond by comprehension.

But when you get down to the intricacies of it all, I do not know a pirouette from a jete. But I do know what I like, and I liked "The Black Crook."

This show, which was directed and choreographed by Courtney Young, was downright fun. It showcased several numbers from the wildly popular "Chicago" as well as several dances of Young's design.

Assistant choreographer and director Wanetah Walmsley got the show off to a rocking start as she lead the company in "All That Jazz." Walmsley was a joy to watch. Her natural charisma and supremely confident demeanor made it difficult for me to pay attention to anyone else.

But while she dominated the opening number, Walmsley was by no means the only dancer worth mentioning in this production. Many of the other cast members graced the stage with obvious natural talent that was only highlighted by the shifting color scheme created by light and sound designer Jacob B. Smith.

I especially enjoyed the use of back-lit red screens during "The Cell Block Tango." Several dancers writhed seductively behind these screens, supplying a fitting backdrop as the lead characters recounted the murders of their lovers. Young was dazzling in her rendition of "Roxie."

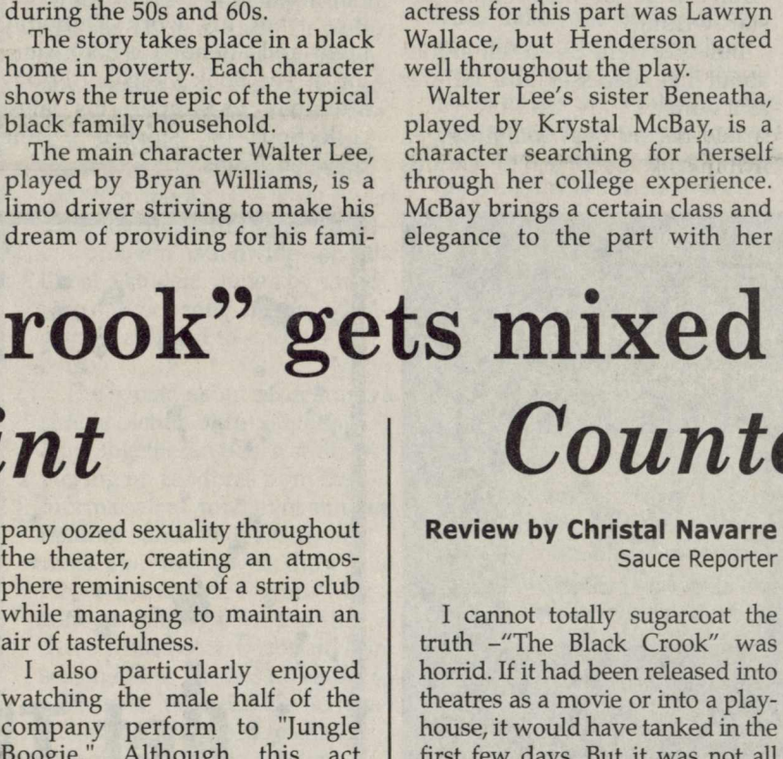
But the numbers that really stuck out for me were not from "Chicago." "Big Spender" was a testament to the erotic powers of dance as the women in the company oozed sexuality throughout the theater, creating an atmosphere reminiscent of a strip club while managing to maintain an air of tastefulness.

I also particularly enjoyed watching the male half of the company perform to "Jungle Boogie." Although this act seemed to be something of a filler to allow time for costume changes, it was nice to see dancers in an otherwise professional-looking show cut loose.

The men performed humorous versions of classic break dance moves and seemed to be genuinely enjoying themselves.

The one scene that left me feeling unfulfilled was "When You're Good to Mama." Although Jules Lambert definitely had the attitude and look for the lead role in this number, her voice left much to be desired.

So what is the one conclusion I can bring this review to? The "Black Crook" offered something that was missing from many of the dance shows I have seen: a good time, plain and simple.



Leslie Westbrook/the *Current Sauce*
Courtney Young as Roxie Hart sings "Roxie" with, from left, Joe Naples and Shane Stelly.

Counterpoint

Review by Christal Navarre
Sauce Reporter

I cannot totally sugarcoat the truth –"The Black Crook" was horrid. If it had been released into theatres as a movie or into a playhouse, it would have tanked in the first few days. But it was not all blunders and pitfalls.

I have to give kudos where it is due. Wanetah Walmsley, who played Velma Kelly, and Courtney Young, who played Roxie Hart, get my best in show awards. They can sing and dance, which was apparently a rare commodity for this show.

While "All That Jazz" started off as just another "Cabaret" knock-off, when Walmsley opened her mouth, I could not deny that this was "Chicago." But a little advice: you have the voice girl, let it ring loud with confidence. Your high and loud notes were beautiful, but you falter once you have to sing softer. Stop worrying, your voice is magnificent.

"The Cell Block Tango" was impressive. It is a difficult number to pull off, and they did it. The dancers did a great job hitting the beats and singing great while having to dance strenuously.

In my humble opinion, the guys stole the show. They were the only reason I did not get up and leave in the middle of "When Your Good to Mama." They breathed life back into that number. Their "Prowling" (from Grease 2) was fun to watch and actually on key, and their "Jungle Boogie" number had me laughing so hard I started to cry. Way to go guys!

And now, without further adieu, I give my top five reasons you should be glad you missed "The Black Crook."

5) Shane Stelly as Hertzog. It was more of a blatant rip-off of the character of the host of ceremonies in the previous production of "Cabaret." Whatever happened to making the character your own?

4) Robin Rose and Jamaal Hill's choreography for "The Cell Block Tango." Hill just stood there rippling his back muscles while Rose did very tense turns around him.

3) The dance number to "Toxic." The dancing was good and the strobe lights made great special effects, but how do you go from Chicago and Fosse to Britney Spears?

2) The guy with suspenders and no shirt dancing in the back row for "All That Jazz." How did he get in there? He was off-beat and out of rhythm the entire time, and I'm pretty sure he ran into other dancers.

1) Jules Lambert's performance as Matron Mamma Morton for "When Your Good To Mama." It was so bad that my friends and I, after the show ended, ran to my car to listen to my "Chicago" (the Oscar-wining movie) soundtrack. We made a mad-dash for the CD screaming, "Save it Latifah, save it." The song was too low for Lambert's range, and took her over half the song to find the correct beat.

Fashionable Focus
Raquel Hill



Summer Products To Fit Your Budget

Well, it has come to the end of spring, the end of the year and the end of paying way too much for products that we just cannot seem to escape. Summer is peeking around the corner and your wallet thinks it needs to watch out for all the ridiculously priced products you intend to buy.

You and your wallet can rest at ease knowing that there are great products out there for your face, body and hair that are affordable.

For both guys and gals, the most important product you can purchase this summer is sunscreen. Any "five-and-dime" or drugstore carries Banana Boat products that work great and are super cheap (about $5).

However, not all sunscreens are alike; always go for the SPF 30 or above - and always re-apply throughout the day.

FOR GUYS

Facial cleanser:
Neutrogena and Old Spice have some really great cleansers out there. They will rinse out your pores and leave your face feeling "so fresh and so clean, clean."

Lightener:
The best way to score perfectly summer hair is to spritz some "Sun In" into your tresses. After a few hours in the sun, your hair will have a gentle, tinted glow that will drive the ladies mad.

Deodorant:
Stay away from those containing large amounts of aluminum - those types will only clog your pores.

Body Wash:
Any man needs a great body wash in their shower. After a long day at work or a sweaty day at the beach, you will want to rise off with a cool, refreshing shower gel. SoftSoap has a really great wash just for active men called "Ocean Fresh" and it will definitely awaken your senses.

FOR GALS

Sprays and Creams:
There are a few products out there for girls with different styles in mind. My favorite products are the John Frieda products like Beach Blonde and Brilliant Brunette.

If you are looking for a way to enhance those natural curls or waves without goopy hairspray or gel, try Beach Blonde's "Ocean Waves." It is a mixture of seawater and coconut oil that will keep tresses of any shade looking as tousled and sexy as ever.

If you are searching for the best way to straighten your locks, always apply a straightening crème to protect your hair from heat-damage. The best straightening balms that I've found: Brilliant Brunette's "Simply Sleek Straightening Balm."

It smoothes and straightens your hair for sleek styles that glisten with multi-dimensional shine.

Deep Conditioner:
There are plenty of conditioners out there that you probably already use in the shower, but the best kinds are the ones you use outside the tub. Try Physique's conditioning mask or BedHead's "Chocolate Head" deep conditioners.

They powerfully restore and condition dry, damaged and chemically treated hair and leave your tresses smelling delicious.

Facial moisturizer:
I have to say the best product out there for your face is from Ponds. They have moisturizers for every type of skin. I have dry skin from swimming 2 days a week, so I use Pond's "Dry Skin Cream." It softens your skin, so it looks radiant and feels touchable.

Body Butter:
Every girl needs a good body soufflé to nourish and strengthen your skin all over. The best ones contain honey or cocoa butter. You can find many of these products at drugstores or grocery stores for less than $10.

Get a bottle and thank yourself for saving your skin 30 years of cracking damage.

Tennis defeated at conference tourney

Courtesy Sports Information
www.nsudemons.com

Southland Conference Women's Tennis Tournament host McNeese State ended the best season in 10 years by Northwestern State with a 4-0 semifinal win Sunday afternoon.

Northwestern (14-5) beat McNeese 4-3 on March 14 in Natchitoches, but the Cowgirls (15-4) did not have their No. 3 singles player, Yolandie Beaukes, available to play in that match. She was in the lineup Sunday and closed out the match with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Lady Demon freshman Catalina Villegas.

The first team to four points won the best-of-seven match. Singles were played first to accelerate the final result due to rainy weather washing out play on Saturday.

In the regular season match, Northwestern took the doubles point, then got singles wins from Anneline Zerwick at No. 2, Villegas at No. 3 over Urska Dobersek and Camila Prado at No. 6 to capture the outcome.

But Sunday, Dobersek dropped into the No. 4 position and won and Marina Gando, who won in the No. 5 position on March 14, defeated Prado 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

Noelia Furno took the No. 1 singles over Eliza Young 6-1, 6-1. Dobersek won 6-2, 6-0 over Magali Van den Bergh.

Zerwick's No. 2 match and Alexandra Nieto's No. 5 match were in progress when the overall outcome was settled, and were halted.

McNeese, which was the only SLC team to threaten regular-season champion Texas-Arlington earlier this year in a 4-3 loss, gets another shot at the Lady Mavs in the tournament championship match that has been delayed until Monday in Lake Charles.



Patrick West/*the Current Sauce*
Eliza Young and the NSU Demon Tennis team lost in the conference tournament 4-0 to host McNeese.

Softball earns bid to SLC tournament

Courtesy Sports Information
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Northwestern (30-26) is assured the fifth seed in the tournament beginning Friday at Texas State and will play the No. 2 seed.

The Demons clinched their eighth straight appearance in the conference tournament, the best active streak by any league school, with a 1-0, 3-0 sweep Saturday at Nicholls.

The Lady Colonels locked down their berth by percentage points over Southeastern Louisiana and Stephen F. Austin and will face the No. 1 seed in the double-elimination tournament.

Northwestern will play Texas State in the first round at 1:30 Friday in San Marcos.

The games will be broadcast on the Demon Sports Network and the broadcast will be streamed on www.nsudemons.com.

Ford named Pitcher of the Week

After a pair of dominating three-hit shutout wins, Northwestern State freshman Amie Ford was voted Southland Conference Softball "Pitcher of the Week."

Ford, a right-hander from Katy, Texas, beat Centenary last Wednesday 2-0 and won a pivotal pitcher's duel with Dione Meier of Nicholls State Saturday, 1-0 in eight innings.

Ford struck out 18 of the 46 hitters she faced in those two complete game performances.

She ranks 22nd nationally in earned run average (0.96) and is 24th in strikeouts (222).

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Patrick West
The Way I See It

Unclear future

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The semester is finally over and this is the last paper, for which I am eternally grateful. The uncertain future is now coming up.

The future is unclear for some former NSU athletes like our Demon football players who I thought would enter the draft but didn't. La'Terrica "Cooda" Dobin entered the WNBA draft, but her name was never called.

I am happy for Cooda and glad she is not giving up and heading overseas to play ball with dreams of making the WNBA.

Keep your head up, Cooda, and good luck playing basketball in Spain.

Another future unclear is the Demon softball team. The Demons made their eighth consecutive Southland Conference Tournament.

Last year as host of the tournament, NSU lost and did not make the NCAA tournament.

I talked to Head Coach Eileen Schmidt after practice on Wednesday, and she said that the winner of the tournament would be a team that gets hot at the right time.

Schmidt also said that any team in the six-tournament field could win the tournament.

She also said that NSU was hot and cold, but she looks for NSU to do well in the tournament.

NSU will be led by the dynamic pitching duo of freshman pitcher Amie Ford with a .96 earned run average and senior pitcher Crista Miller with a 2.77 ERA.

Schmidt said it would also be important for the Demons to stay in the winners bracket and not to drift into the loser bracket where NSU would have to play more games and fight through the field.

I give kudos to Josh Barrios, a good friend who wrote his last story for *the Current Sauce* this week as he ends his collegiate writing career with 60 stories under his belt.

Good luck to him and Lindsay, I hope your future is bright and little Josh does not give you too much trouble. Next semester will be hard without you helping me with all the sport stories.

I would also like to take time and say thank you to everyone who supported me this past year. Thanks to Dr. Neil Ralston and Dr. Paula Furr, Linda and Cheryl who put up with me through the ups and downs and Justin, Jason and Freddie for the few column ideas and putting up with my ways in the house.

Thanks a lot to Doug Ireland, Matt Bonnette and Greg Burke, Athletics Director, for answering all my questions and helping me out with my sports page.

Also, thanks to all the coaches and players who stopped and gave me good quotes for my stories.

Thanks for a wonderful semester, Demon sports, and I look forward to my last semester in the fall. I know it will be memorable because you never know what will happen.

Dobin heads to Spain

Former Lady Demon La'Terrica Dobin is set to play ball in Spain after not receiving a call to play in the WNBA

By Patrick West
Sports Editor

After an athlete finishes a collegiate career, sometimes the player will enter a draft and take his or her game to the professional level like the NBA, NFL or the WNBA.

La'Terrica Dobin entered the WNBA draft, but her name was never called nor did her phone ring telling her that a WNBA team was interested in the Northwestern State University point guard.

Dobin finished her career at NSU on a winning note, helping the Demons win the Southland Conference Regular Season championship and the SLC Tournament championship.

This was the Demons first tournament championship and it gave them an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, their first trip to the tournament since an at-large bid in 1989.

Dobin also led the NCAA in assists for three straight years, the first player, man or woman, to accomplish this record.



Gary Hardamon/*NSU Media Service*
Former NSU point guard La'Terrica Dobin drives toward the basket in a game this season. Dobin led NSU to the conference championship and tournament championship. Dobin will play in Spain later this year.

Dobin finished her career with 915 assists as the school's all-time assist leader. Dobin was also named SLC Player of the Year, tournament Most Valuable Player and named to the All SLC first team.

After all these accomplishments, Dobin was told that she was not ready for the WNBA.

"It was alright they did not give me an opportunity," Dobin said. "They was calling me and we made plans and I was supposed to get drafted, but at the last minute they said we didn't play big enough schools. The whole thing messed us up."

After the draft was over, most players not drafted get to tryout with teams and sign as free agents. Dobin did not get any calls and did not try out with any team.

"I didn't even get to try out with them because they said I need another years' experience, that is why I am going overseas," Dobin said.

At the end of the year, Dobin is heading to Spain to play international basketball with the hopes of coming back to the United States to play in the WNBA.

"I am excited to play over there because I love to play basketball," Dobin said.

Another Lady Demon, Katrina Swanigan, might go overseas with Dobin to play in Spain.

Saints caravan coming to NSU

By Joshua Barrios
Sauce Reporter

The New Orleans Saints 2004 Western Caravan is coming to Natchitoches next Wednesday and all NSU students and Natchitoches residents are invited to take a break with the Saints.

The caravan is designed to promote the Saints' 2004 season and is promoting in Natchitoches for the first time in its four-year run.

The event, a breakfast, will begin at 8 a.m. and will include an autograph session, a 2004 season overview from New Orleans Saints' Head Coach Jim Haslett and a question and answer session.

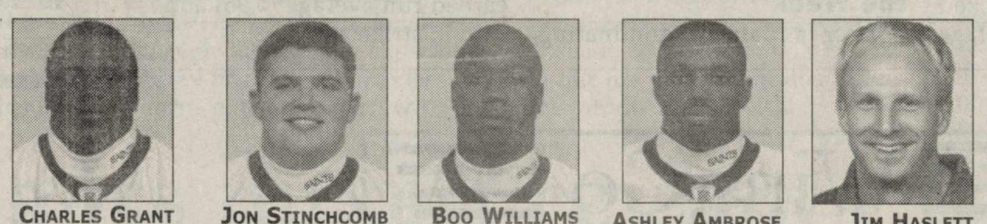
There will also be giveaways and information on Saints 2004 season tickets.

Haslett will bring Saints' General Manager Mickey Loomis, cornerback Ashley Ambrose, defensive end Charles Grant, tackle Jon Stinchcomb and tightend Boo Williams to the breakfast with him.

Ambrose finished last season with 41 tackles and three interceptions, one returned 73 yards for a touchdown. Grant had 46 tackles and 10 sacks on the season.

Williams picked up 41 receptions for 436 yards and five touchdowns.

The Saints finished off last season with an 8-8 record and recently drafted Ohio State defensive end Will Smith in the first round of the 2004 NFL Draft.



CHARLES GRANT | JON STINCHCOMB | BOO WILLIAMS | ASHLEY AMBROSE | JIM HASLETT

Smith was a three-year starter for the Buckeyes and finished his college career with 167 tackles, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one interception and nine pass deflections in 51 games.

The Saints stayed local, drafting LSU wide reciever Devery Henderson in the second round.

The Saints also signed as a free agent after the NFL Draft, safety Brent Hafford, the Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Year from Stephen F. Austin.

Saints' Director of Regional Sales and Marketing Danielle Boyce said in a press release earlier this week that the Saints are thrilled to be visiting Natchitoches with this year's caravan.

The breakfast will be held in the Student Union Ballroom and will cost $10 per person.

The caravan will stop in Alexandria and Shreveport on Tuesday before stopping in Natchitoches and will then make other stops in St. Francisville, Baton Rouge and Houma.

For more information on the event and tickets contact NSU Athletics at (318) 357-5251 or the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce at (318) 352-6894.

Baseball scores early, often at home

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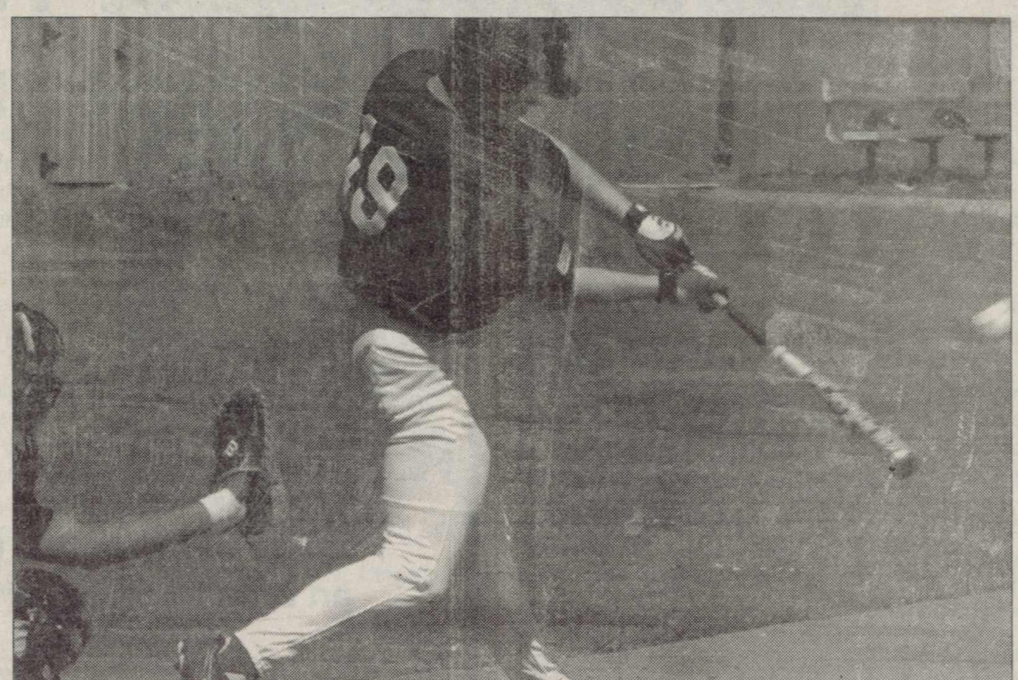
Northwestern State's Josh Boop went 3-for-4 with three runs batted in while Bobby Barbier had two hits and three RBIs, including a two-run homer as the Demons defeated Grambling State, 11-3, here Tuesday afternoon.

Grambling (11-33) took a first inning 1-0 lead on back-to-back doubles by James Cooper and Corey Magee. The Demons answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning on Barbier's team-leading seventh home run of the season.

NSU added one in the bottom of the third on Barbier's triple that plated Boop. After Grambling pulled to within 3-2 in the top of the fifth, Boop singled in Chris Salim to go up 4-2.

The Demons exploded in the sixth with three runs, two coming on a single by Boop and the other on a Will Junkin single.

Rusty Jones singled in two runs in the seventh while Salim and Cody Carrier knocked in two more to increase NSU's lead to 11-2 before Grambling plated the final run of the game in the top of the eighth.



Leslie Westbrook/*the Current Sauce*
Junior infielder Hunter Thoms takes a swing against a pitch by a Grabling pitcher. Thoms went two for four on the day as the Demons beat the Tigers 11-3 Tuesday evening.

NSU's Eric Broaddus (1-1) earned the win in his first start of the season. Broaddus pitched three innings giving up one run on just two hits while striking out three. NSU pitched a different pitcher for each of the remaining innings as the combo gave up just two runs on two hits.

Salim finished 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored while Carrier went 2-for-4 from the plate with an RBI and run scored.

Northwestern State will return to Southland Conference action on Friday when they start a 3-game series at Southeastern Louisiana. Gametime on Friday is 6:30 followed by a 3 p.m. start on Saturday and 1 on Sunday.

NSU 3 - Nicholls 5

Nicholls State scored two runs in the top of the ninth and held off the Northwestern State Demons in the bottom of the inning to stun the Southland Conference's top team 5-3 here in game two of the three-game baseball series.

The Colonels collected eight hits in the game led by right fielder Bubba Bell's 3-for-5 performance with two runs batted in and a run scored. NSU had nine hits with Rusty Jones leading the way going 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and a run scored.

Daniel Lonsberry started the game for NSU, tossing six innings of ball allowing two runs on five hits while walking three and striking out six. Breaux (0-1) was handed the loss after throwing two and two-thirds innings giving up three runs on three hits.

Roddy (3-1) earned the win for the Colonels as he threw just one and a third perfect innings. Shawn LeBlanc started for Nicholls going six and a third innings giving up three runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out one.

With the loss, the Demons fall to 23-15 overall and 11-5 in conference play – one-half game behind Lamar (12-5) and tied for second with Texas State (11-5).

Sauce Stats

NCAA Box Scores

NSUSoftball (30-26)

April 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Nicholls State (24-27)

NSU 3 - Nich 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	-	3	12	1
Nich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2

April 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Nicholls State

NSU 1 - Nich 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	-	F	H	E
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	4	1
Nich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	2

Northwestern State vs. Centenary

NSU 2 - Centenary 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	F	H	E
CU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
NSU	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	-	2	7	0

Key Player:
Shay Hunt
Game-winning home run in 8th vs. Nicholls
junior shortstop

NSU Baseball (24-15)
Southland Conference

Key Player:
Bobby Barbier
two hits, three RBIs & a HR vs. Grambling
sophomore 1B/C

April 27, 2004
Northwestern State vs. Grambling (11-33)

NSU 11 - GSU 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
GSU	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	3	4	1
NSU	2	0	1	0	1	3	4	0	X	-	11	15	1

April 24, 2004
Northwestern State vs. **Nicholls State** (15-24)

NSU 3 - **Nich 5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
Nich	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-	5	8	0
NSU	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	3	9	3

Northwestern State vs. Nicholls State

NSU 4 - Nich 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	-	F	H	E
Nich	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	-	3	4	1
NSU	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	X	-	4	8	2

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FOOTBALL

Football set to kick off at 4 p.m. Saturdays

Kickoff times have been set for Northwestern State's six home football games this fall at Turpin Stadium with the Sept. 18 home opener starting at 6 and the other five contests kicking off at 4 p.m., NSU athletic director Greg Burke announced Tuesday.

The Demons, with 35 letterwinners back from last year's 6-6 team, open their home schedule Sept. 18 against Texas Southern. A week later, on Sept. 25, Appalachian State visits Turpin Stadium.

A four-game homestand continues Oct. 2 against Oklahoma Panhandle State. After an open date on Oct. 9, the Demons play host to McNeese State on Oct. 16 to celebrate homecoming and begin the Southland Conference season.

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